Orientation Team 2023

What is an Orientation Team Member?

The Orientation Team is a group of current students that assist in the facilitation and implementation of the College’s first year programs including, the UChicago Mentoring Program, Pre-Orientation and Orientation Week. These students play an integral role in the welcoming and transition of the First-Year student population by serving as a role model, ambassador, and support system throughout Pre-Orientation, Orientation, and beyond.

What are the different roles I can apply for?

Though O-Team members will all work together toward the same goal of welcoming our newest students to campus, various segments of the O-Team will do this in differing ways. Below are the different roles that you can apply to be a part of, along with a short overview of the program’s mission.

Students are eligible to apply for either a Pre-Orientation or Peer Mentor position. Further information on the can be found at oteam.chicago.edu

- **UChippe Mentoring Program (UCMP)**
  - Peer Mentors – *50 - 60 positions available*
    - The UChicago Mentoring Program provides incoming students with an upper-class mentor to aid in their transition to the College.
    - Assist with Orientation Week, including small group facilitators and event preparation execution.
    - *This position absorbed the previous Orientation Leader Position*
  - Transfer Peer Mentors – *3 positions available*
    - Serve as a Peer Mentor for incoming transfer students and assist with the transfer specific events during Orientation Week.
    - **Stipend: $1,000**
    - **Position Length:** training begins spring quarter, serve as Peer Mentor over summer months, must be available to work Orientation Week in September.

- **Pre-Orientation Programming**
  - Chicago Urban Explorers (CUE) Guides – *12-15 positions available*
    - Allow students to explore Hyde Park and the city of Chicago before school begins; acclimate the students to unique aspects of life in the city; facilitate bonding between first-year students
    - **Position Length:** must be available for training, program, and events during the month of September.
  - International Pre-Orientation (IPO) Navigator – *15-18 positions available*
    - Assist international students in their transition into a new school and home; acclimate participants to public transport; aid in setting up cell phones and bank accounts; facilitate bonding between first-year students
    - **Position Length:** must be available for training, program, and events during the month of September.
Phoenix Outdoor Program (POP) Rangers – **20 – 25 positions available**

- For five days, first-year students and their upper-class leaders will backpack through the woods, experiencing all that the great outdoors has to offer and creating lasting bonds in the process.
- **Position Length**: must be available for training trip during spring quarter and fall training and trips during the month of September.

- **Stipend**: $500

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**What’s in it for me?**

- Stipend paid out at the conclusion of the program
- Permitted to move in early if living in University Housing
- Meals provided during training and programs.
- Participate in fun activities and outings
- SWAG from the College and a thank you gift

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**What are the desired skills and qualifications?**

- Takes pride in the University of Chicago and being a UChicago student
- Provides excellent customer service
- Takes initiative and can take direction
- Can adapt to new challenges and solve problems creatively
- Able to work effectively and collaboratively as a team
- Works well and acts responsibly under pressure

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**Application Timeline**

- Students must submit an online application that includes bio information, short answer questions, current resume, and *optional* recommendation form.
- Application: 1/23/2023 – 2/10/2023
- Interviews: 2/20/2022 – 2/24/2023

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For more information, and to access the online application please visit [oteam.uchicago.edu](http://oteam.uchicago.edu). Should you have further inquiries please email [college-programming@uchicago.edu](mailto:college-programming@uchicago.edu).