



United For College Success Alumni Leader Role Description

BACKGROUND ON THE UFCS ALUMNI LEADERS PROGRAM

The United for College Success (UFCS) Coalition is offering a program called UFCS Alumni Leaders at many universities across Texas in 2016-2017. The UFCS Alumni Leader program aims to address some of the challenges our alumni face on college campuses by bringing our Coalition’s alumni networks together in a supportive atmosphere. Through various campus activities, peer mentoring opportunities, and consistent communication, our collective alumni network will be better prepared to succeed in college and their careers.

The UFCS Coalition has found that a key element to an alumnus’ success in college is a peer mentor component. To this end, we are seeking UFCS Alumni Leaders who have demonstrated academic success and a commitment to learning and growth in a community setting. Our PSJA UFCS Alumni Leaders will work as peer mentors to a group of UFCS Coalition alumni to help promote student success. They will also work individually and collaboratively with the local UFCS Coalition Site staff in organizing and implementing a variety of educational, cultural, and social activities designed to increase student awareness, enhance personal growth, and smoothen transitions into the university/college environment.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Our PSJA UFCS Alumni Leader is a current college student who will be responsible for leading the effort to create a strong UFCS Coalition-alumni cohort on campus focused on college persistence and career readiness. The Leader will be required to:

- Attend one of the selected colleges/universities: **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley or South Texas College**
- Attend in-person training in early August
- Identify the needs of the UFCS Coalition-alumni cohort on his or her campus
- Work with multiple advisors, including representatives from the university, and the local UFCS Coalition Site to identify existing resources and opportunities for meeting cohort needs
- Coordinate and facilitate student events and activities that meet cohort needs
- Track participation in and completion of events and activities for the UFCS Alumni Leader Program

LOGISTICS

The program can be tailored specifically to the needs of UFCS alumni at each school.

Some examples of supports that could be provided include:

Events and Trainings	Potential Topics Addressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-4 events per year including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social events • Career readiness trainings • Academic trainings • Small group sessions to address specific challenges for each class • Volunteer service activities • Individual peer mentoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academics (course selection, majors, campus resources, study abroad, etc.) • Persistence strategies (study skills, financial aid workshops, time management, etc.) • Social integration (identifying clubs, activities, organizations of interest, etc.) • Career development (resumes, mock interviews, internship and job shadowing resources, etc.)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Record of academic success, or record of academic improvement, and on track for graduation
- Strong leadership ability
- Demonstrated interest in supporting UFCS Coalition alumni and first-generation college students
- Upperclassmen strongly preferred

COMPENSATION

2-part scholarship award that requires a positive evaluation documenting the successful completion of tasks at the end of the fall semester in order to release the 2nd award. The first award will be distributed during the first month of the fall semester. Upon successful evaluation of the fall semester, the student will then be awarded the second award that will be distributed during the first month of the spring semester.

HOW TO APPLY

The application process for UFCS Alumni Leaders is outlined in the steps below.

1. Review the materials in the UFCS PSJA Alumni Leader Application Packet to decide whether being an UFCS Alumni Leader is right for you. If interested, you **MUST** be available to attend the Alumni Leadership Institute on **TBD**. Travel and lodging will be covered by the UFCS Coalition.
2. Complete the UFCS PSJA Alumni Leader Application Packet.
3. Complete the top portion of the Personal Recommendation Form and send this to an individual that can speak to your qualifications.
4. Submit your application to the designated Regional UFCS Alumni Leader Manager for your alumni network (listed on the bottom of the application) by **July 7, 2016**.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a UFCS PSJA Alumni Leader!