

Position Description: Volunteer Peer Mentor

Location: LAUNCH Academy at USF

Duties:

- Support young autistic adults for 4 hours per week in both Fall **and** Spring
- Help LAUNCH Academy participants complete weekly mentor assignments and activities
- Serve as a positive role model and friend
- Explore the USF campus together to promote participation in clubs, and organizations, meet people, and try new things or places.
- Build the relationship by planning and participating in activities together.
- Help set goals and work toward accomplishing them.
- Build self-esteem and motivation
- Provide friendship, support, and inspiration.
- Motivate and help students to be empowered.
- Encourage students to make decisions for themselves.
- Assist students in practicing the skills needed for being successful at work, such as organizing workload, being on time, asking for help, and interacting with co-workers.
- Complete weekly reports on each mentoring session
- Attend one professional development/educational training hosted by LAUNCH.
- Communicate with the supervisor if problems arise.

Qualifications:

- Be a USF student both Fall and Spring semesters
- Can commit to mentoring **BOTH FALL AND SPRING**
- Self-starter, independent and highly responsible
- Effective communicator
- Patient and flexible
- Good listener
- Encouraging and supportive
- Tolerant and respectful of individual differences
- Sophomores, juniors and seniors preferred
- Availability must include 2 days/wk (Mondays-Thursdays), 4 hrs/wk between 11AM and 5PM
*Please indicate if you'd be interested in having two mentees (for group mentoring) at 4 hours per week or two separate mentoring schedules with two mentees to total 8 hours per week.

Send resume and one PROFESSIONAL REFERENCE (not personal) to:

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