

**Position Description: Volunteer Peer Mentor**

**Location: LAUNCH Academy at USF**

**Duties:**

- Support young autistic adults for 4 hours per week in the 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 to succeed 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 all Fall and Spring semesters
- 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. Graduate students are welcome.
- Available to attend one day orientation, the week before classes begin.
- Availability must include 2 days/wk (Mondays-Thursdays, maybe Friday), 4 hrs/wk between 10AM and 5PM

Complete our interest form here: <https://launch.cbcs.usf.edu/mentoring.html>