PLUS (Peer Led Undergraduate Study) Leader: General Chemistry I
Position Information & Application

PLUS is a course offered for students enrolled in General Chemistry I and College Algebra. It is a 0 s.h. course where students (meet twice per week) and will participate in activities facilitated by the PLUS leader. The content covered in PLUS sessions is General Chemistry I. PLUS leaders lead two groups that meet twice per week.

General Job Description:
• Help students learn how to master course content in a small group setting.
• Implement strategies to encourage and foster students’ development as independent learners.
• Work with students in a small group setting to develop their academic skills (i.e. study skills, problem solving skills, organizational skills) for academic success.
• Serve as an academic role model; model and encourage collaborative learning and study strategies.
• Create a friendly, supportive, positive, inclusive, and productive learning environment.
• Plan and facilitate four PLUS classes per week.
• Create and submit lesson plans for each PLUS session.
• Attend all required training sessions and meetings.
• Complete all administrative responsibilities on time (e.g. reports, lesson plans, time cards, take and report attendance).
• Keep supervisor informed about classes and involved in the development of learning materials.
• Attend all class meetings of the selected course and take notes.

Hours and Wages:
• PLUS Leaders are paid $11/hour.
• PLUS leaders work 10 hours per week during the academic semester (expect finals week and university holidays).
  o 3 hours: Attending Lecture
  o 4 hours: Facilitating SI Sessions (4 per week)
  o 3 hours: Planning Hours & Meetings

Qualifications for the position:
• Must be enrolled as a full-time, undergraduate student at The University of Iowa for Fall 2019.
• 3.33 UI grade point average or better.
• Completed and earned a grade of an “A” in General Chemistry I (CHEM:1070) from The University of Iowa.
• Completed and earned a grade of an “A” in College Algebra (MATH:1005) or Math for the Biological Sciences (MATH:1440) or Calculus for the Biological Sciences (MATH:1460) from the University of Iowa. Students that have received a B in Math for the Biological Sciences or Calculus for the Biological Sciences will also be considered.
• Completion of at least 28 college credit hours by the start date.
• Excellent interpersonal communication skills, organizational skills, and administrative skills.
• Ability to relate to and work with students with various learning styles and needs.
• Available to attend the two-day pre-semester PLUS Leader training on Wednesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 22, 2019 (8 am-5 pm).

Hiring and Position Information:
• Applications can be submitted in person to 310 Calvin Hall or via e-mail to stephanie-preschel@uiowa.edu.
• Questions? Contact Stephanie Preschel (stephanie-preschel@uiowa.edu)
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Please print or type.

Preferred Name: _____________________________________  Pronouns of Reference: ____________________

Student ID #: ___________________  Cell Phone #: ___________________________

Local Address: ______________________________________________________________

University Email Address: ___________________  Current year in school: ________________

Number of semester hours completed after Spring 2019: ________________

Major: _______________________________  GPA in Major: ___________  Overall UI GPA: __________

I can attend all of PLUS Leader training on Wednesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 22, 2019. Hours of training are from 8 am-5 pm.  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Are you employed elsewhere on campus?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, where? ________________________________  Average number of hours per week: __________

Reference: Please list one University reference. It cannot be an undergraduate student.

Name: _______________________________________  Department: _______________________________

Phone Number: _________________________________________________________________

Email Address:  ______________________________________________________________________

Please respond to the following questions. Please type out your responses and include them with your application:

• What three strategies have you found most effective in your academic success? Please explain.
• What study strategy have you used, but found to be the least effective in helping you prepare for a course? Please explain.
• If you had to give one piece of advice to a student in General Chemistry I, what would it be? Please explain.
• Please explain why you are interested in becoming a PLUS leader and what you are hoping to gain in the position. Please write 2-3 paragraphs to fully answer the prompt.

By signing this application, I hereby authorize University College at the University of Iowa to obtain from the Registrar’s Office academic information protected by laws governing student educational records in order to verify my academic standing. The items specifically to be released are the cumulative and semester University of Iowa grade point average and individual course grades. University College will keep this information confidential and will not disseminate it without my authorization.

I certify that all the information given on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission of facts on my part will be justification for separation from University College if employed. I understand that my employment is contingent upon completion of the Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9) and any other pertinent information (including criminal background checks). I authorize University College to check my references where otherwise indicated on this application. Continued employment is “at will” and may be terminated at any time by either the employee or employer.

_________________________________________________________ __________________________
(Signature)         (Date)
The University of Iowa requests this information for the purpose of processing your employment application. No persons outside the University are routinely provided this information, except for items of directory information such as name and local address. If you fail to provide the required information, the University may not consider your application. The University does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, national origin, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. The University also affirms its commitment to providing equal opportunities and equal access to University facilities without reference to affectional or associational preference. For additional information on nondiscrimination policies, contact the Coordinator of Title IX, Section 504, and the ADA in the Office of Affirmative Action, Telephone (319) 335-0705, 202 Jessup Hall, The University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242-1316.

SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

Stephanie Preschel – in person to 310 Calvin Hall or via e-mail to Stephanie-preschel@uiowa.edu

Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis. Applications received by 11:59PM on April 17 will be considered first. Application review will begin on Thursday, April 18, 2019 and we will continue to accept applications until all positions are filled.

After application review, selected candidates will be invited to interview.

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