**Position Title:** Student Athlete Mentorship Program (SAMP) - Mentor

**Position Summary:**
The Student Athlete Mentorship program (SAMP) was developed to ensure the success of our Western Student Athletes. The program connects the first-year athletes on their team with an upper year teammate. First year athletes can request a mentor from their faculty and will be matched with a SAMP mentor. SAMP aims to provide support to student-athletes, particularly first year student-athletes, in their transition to university life by connecting them with a mentor who understands the challenge of balancing competing priorities between academics and athletics.

The SAMP Mentor role is crucial for the overall success of the ASP: Sport program. Mentors are responsible for providing social supports to their teammates for the duration of the academic year. Mentors will be expected to participate in Campus Resource Training, initiate weekly contact with their teammates about ASP: Sport specific resources, attend mandatory Mentor team meetings and training, attend a Study Hall session, and help to encourage teammate participation in learning, study, or academic related activities.

SAMP Mentors will be supported by a Grad Mentors and supervised by the Academic Success Program Coordinator to ensure all Mentors are well equipped to effectively support their team and complete the day-to-day operations of SAMP.

**What will you gain from this role?**
- Experience giving presentations and facilitating meetings
- Effective oral and written communication skills
- Leadership experience
- Time management and problem-solving skills
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Strong project management, planning and organization skills
- Recognition through Western’s Co-Curricular Record

**What do we ask from you?**
- Participation in SAMP events, including the Fall Launch event and the January Refresh event, while encouraging student-athletes to attend as well
- Participation in mandatory meetings and training sessions
- In weekly contact with teammates (in collaboration with Grad Mentor), assess needs and provide resources and support, keeping them up to date about events, services and programs to enhance their Western experience
- Complete SAMP Logs to use for tracking, reflection and accountability purposes
- Attend a minimum of 1 Study Hall session per term (3-hour shift)
- Respect differences of gender, ethnic origin, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation and those with disabilities.
- Other duties as assigned
What kind of student leaders are we looking for?

- Interested in helping others and developing personal leadership skills
- Ability to problem solve and provide constructive feedback
- Dedication, integrity, dependability, initiative
- Able to work individually and as part of a team
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

Position Requirements:

- Western, Brescia, Huron or Kings undergraduate student or graduate student who has completed an undergraduate degree at Western, Brescia, Huron or Kings
- Western Varsity Student Athlete
- Completion of at least 5.0 Western credits (or equivalent) at Western or the affiliate colleges
- Minimum 70% academic average (65% in Engineering)

Position Specifics:

Term Length:
September 7, 2021 - April 30, 2022

Time Commitment:
Varies depending on the time of year and the needs of the mentoring team, but over the academic year will average out to approximately 4 hours per week.

Compensation:
Volunteer position, Work Study eligible (main campus students).

Reports to:
Academic Success Program Coordinator

Application Method:
Login to Western Connect, and navigate to the Western Peer Leader posting boards to find this job posting and instructions on how to apply (ex. Uploading/emailing required application documents or redirecting to the Working at Western website).

Western Values Diversity:
The University invites applications from all qualified individuals. Western is committed to employment equity and diversity in the workplace and welcomes applications from women, members of racialized groups/visible minorities, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, persons of any sexual orientation, and persons of any gender identity or gender expression. Accommodations are available for applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require accommodations for interviews or other meetings, please contact our Administrative Officer at ralary@uwo.ca or phone 519.661.1111 (89081).