

**Family Care Office
Peer Mentor Application**

Goal: to share tips and advice with other students with family responsibilities in navigating the university and in better integrating their studies and family life.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Mentors commit to attending a training session before the fall term starts on a date to be determined, social events for a total commitment of 10 hours from September to March as detailed below, and one-on-one interactions with their mentees. There could be occasional mentor matches in the spring/summer terms at the discretion of the student mentor. Mentors will always be asked whether or not they are available to take on each mentee.

Student with family responsibilities (including young carers, student parents and other caregivers) mentors will:

- Commit about 2 hours to mentoring student with family responsibilities from September to March (in person, by email, phone, messaging or Skype), with the possibility of extending this commitment if you agree, and let the Coordinator know about possible periods when you will not be available during the year.
- Commit to just over ten hours for events and training as outlined below:
 - A 2.5 hour training session before the fall term begins.
 - The Family Care Office Orientation for Students with Family Responsibilities and their families on Saturday September 14, childcare provided (about 4 hours).
 - To attend at least two socials (dates to be determined)

To apply, please submit this completed form.

I am applying to be a peer mentor to a:

Student Parent _____

Student caring for other family members _____

Email Address:

Department/College:

Please place a check mark: ___ TYP ___ Undergraduate ___ Master's ___ PhD

Length of time at the University: ___ year(s)

Number of children and their ages or, in the case of other caregivers, grandparents, parents, friends, siblings or extended family members you care for:

If applicable, please describe any other family responsibilities:

Please feel free to share any other personal information or experience about your family life that you feel would be helpful for the Family Care Office and other peer mentors to know and utilize when matching mentees. For example, are you a single parent, a member of the LGBTQ community, have you had a child before or after starting your studies at the university or do you have a child with a disability and/or did you adopt...?

Why do you want to volunteer to be a peer mentor for students with family responsibilities?

Are you available for a 2½ hour training session before the beginning of the fall term on a date to be determined, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.?

Yes No – please contact us and we will work it out

Are you available for our Orientation for Students with Family Responsibilities on a Saturday morning on September 14 from 10 am to 1:30 pm?

Yes No – please contact us and we will work it out

The Peer Mentorship Program is an approved activity for [the Co-Curricular Record \(CCR\)](#). In order for your volunteer work as a student Mentor to be recognized on the CCR you must complete the activities as outlined, and you will be required to submit a self-reflection piece at the end of the academic year.

Please return this application form to the Family Care Office.

Email: family.care@utoronto.ca

Fax: 416-978-3247

In person at 214 College St., Main Floor

Questions: please call 416-946-5999

Thank you! You will be contacted mid-August by a FCO staff member.