Peer Career Advisor (PCA) Application
Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration

Peer Career Advisors (PCAs) are trained and supervised paraprofessionals who provide career development assistance on a peer-to-peer level through the Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration. Typical PCA responsibilities include critiquing resumes; conducting practice interviews; assisting students with Handshake, internship/job searching and networking; promoting the Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration through social media and other avenues; and presenting to student groups and organizations.

What Skills You’ll Gain as a Peer Career Advisor:

*Oral & Written Communications*
- Conduct presentations
- Assist fellow UTK students

*Teamwork & Collaboration*
- Train and collaborate with peers
- Complete projects/tasks as teams

*Critical Thinking & Problem Solving*
- Refer students to appropriate staff and resources
- Plan and organize events

*Leadership*
- Plan and lead training sessions
- Represent Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration at campus events and activities

*Career & Self Development*
- Strengthen resume and interview skills
- Conduct effective internship/job search

*Professionalism & Work Ethic*
- Provide customer service
- Develop and hone time management skills
- Create professional goals

*Equity & Inclusion*
- Assist students of all backgrounds and experiences
- Network with alumni, career professionals, and recruiters

*Technology*
- Gain knowledge of UTK career resources and services
- Support development of the website and online resources/communication
- Gain Center for Career Development & Academic Exploration social media/marketing experience
Qualifications:

- Desire to assist other UT students!
- Strong written, verbal, and customer service skills
- Creativity, work ethic, and productivity with minimal supervision
- Minimum GPA of 2.75

Job Information:

Part-Time: Approx. 10 hours per week

- Majority of working hours between 9am – 5pm in-person
- Some week night and weekend presentations required (virtual and in-person)
- Mandatory in-person weekly training fall 2021 - Wednesdays, 4:30pm – 6pm
- Mandatory in-person weekly meeting spring 2022 - Mondays, 4pm – 5pm
- Preferred commitment to two years upon time of hire

Pay: $9.00 with opportunity for a raise in future with longevity and/or promotion to a Lead PCA Position

Team: Supervised by Erin Bennett, Assistant Director of Academic & Career Exploration on team with approx. 13 other undergraduate Peer Career Advisors

*For graduate students applying there will be a specific Project Area devoted to working with graduate students.*

To Apply Submit on Handshake:

Resume - Detail your previous education, work, and extracurricular experiences

Cover Letter - Address the cover letter to Yasja Hemmings, Selection Committee Chair (201 Student Union, 1502 Cumberland Ave, Knoxville, TN 37996)

Include the following information in cover letter:
- Why are you interested in being a Peer Career Advisor?
- What strengths/skills do you hope to contribute to the Peer Career Advisor team?
- How did you hear about this position?

Reference Sheet - Provide at least two (2) references (name, position, contact)
- Your references should be previous/current supervisors, teachers, academic faculty, or professional mentors.

Handshake Link: [https://utk.joinhandshake.com/jobs/5080495/share_preview](https://utk.joinhandshake.com/jobs/5080495/share_preview)

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