

## **Campus Change Peer Mentors Wanted!**

We're looking for outstanding students who started their UConn experience at a regional campus and have since transitioned to the Storrs campus to serve as mentors for future campus change students.

**Why Mentorship Matters:** Transitioning from a regional campus to Storrs is challenging. As a peer mentor, you can make a meaningful impact on students like yourself. You'll help guide them through the academic and social shifts by moderating an online asynchronous course, organizing meet & greets, hosting shadow days, personalized mentorship, and leading in-person tours at Storrs to foster a sense of community before the campus change students arrive at Storrs. Participants will gain training and hands-on experience in leadership development. These leadership skills will help develop your own career successes.

**Who We're Looking For:** The ideal peer mentor has more than just practical knowledge—they possess qualities that make a leader. This role requires patience, empathy, excellent communication, and most importantly, the ability to inspire trust. You'll need to be adaptable, creative, and proactive in addressing the needs of students who may feel overwhelmed by the transition.

### **2025-2026 Academic:**

This spring 2026, new peer mentors will be **required** to enroll and participate in a three credit ESPY 3090 graded course that meets in person at Storrs on **Mondays & Wednesdays from 12:00pm – 1:00pm.**

This course will give peer mentors both the skills they need to be an effective, empathic mentor and leader and the time to create content for the UNIV 2820 TYE: Transition Year Experience Course they will moderate (see below, for details):

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

- Undergraduate students who have completed at least two full-time, in-person semesters at one of UConn's regional campuses (Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, Waterbury).
- Must have spent at least one semester full-time, in-person, at the Storrs campus by the Spring 2026 semester.
- **Required:** New Peer Mentors take ESPY 3090 course above

### **Responsibilities:**

**UNIV 2820 TYE: Transition Year Experience (TYE)** an online, asynchronous course designed to support students through their campus change journey. Peer Mentors will work in pairs to facilitate sections of up to 20 mentees, guiding discussions and sharing insights on topics such as academics, campus life, and social adjustment at Storrs. Responsibilities include, but may not be limited to:

- Create engaging video and asynchronous content for the TYE course
- Moderate, reply, and interact with comments posted on course topics
- Host virtual panel discussions on various topics
- Host in-person shadow days for mentees
- Co-host a full-day Storrs event for mentees (date TBD)
- Engage in one-on-one mentoring for mentees in your section

**Skills We Value:**

- Self-motivation, enthusiasm, and independence
- Strong verbal communication skills
- Comfort with filming and speaking in front of a camera
- A genuine desire to engage with and support others
- Leadership attributes but also ability to work seamlessly and supportively in a team setting

**How to Apply:** Submit a video (no longer than 3 minutes) where you introduce yourself to your future mentees. Address the following:

- Name, major, original campus, and your favorite hobby
- What personality traits will make you an excellent mentor? (Hint: Think beyond the obvious!)
- Describe your transition to Storrs in one word and explain why
- What advice would you give your past self to improve your transition experience
- What do you hope to accomplish as a mentor

Finally, send a shareable link to your video, along with the contact information of a faculty or staff member from your regional campus who can serve as a reference to [jennifer.brodie@uconn.edu](mailto:jennifer.brodie@uconn.edu)

**Deadline:** Submit your video & reference information by **December 5, 2025**.

Contact Dr. Finiguerra @ [Michael.finiguerra@uconn.edu](mailto:Michael.finiguerra@uconn.edu) with any questions.

Be part of this transformative experience! As a peer mentor, you'll help shape the journeys of regional campus students, guiding them as they step into a new chapter at Storrs.