University of Texas at Austin
Interpersonal Violence Peer Support Program
Peer Supporter Position Description

**Location:** Student Services Building, G1.408C
**Supervisor:** Confidential Advocate & Peer Advocacy Coordinator
**Back Up Supervisor:** Confidential Advocate & Education Coordinator

**Purpose:** The Peer Supporter is expected to provide emotional support, resources, tools, and options for members of our diverse student community who have experienced and/or been impacted by sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual harassment, and stalking.

**Major Responsibilities:**
- Conduct in-person student appointments.
- Engage in supportive, respectful, and active listening.
- Provide students with information on UT Austin and community services (medical, emotional, economic, and legal), and connect/accompany as appropriate.
- Between appointments, support day-to-day operations through participation in IVPS-related activities, including administrative and outreach tasks.
- Work in compliance with all university, departmental, and programmatic policies, procedures, and standards.
- Complete and submit all required documentation within requested timeframes.
- Maintain campus confidentiality, except when university policy and/or law mandates a report is made.

**Required Qualifications:**
- Must be registered as a current UT Austin student.
- Interest in, and a commitment to, continuous learning about sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking and the needs of students impacted by power-based violence.
- Ability to listen to students actively and respectfully, and respond with warmth, compassion, and empathy.
- Ability to work as a member of a team, be open to feedback, and seek guidance, direction, and input from others.
- Ability to work with/support individuals from diverse backgrounds (ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, etc.).
- Ability to be non-judgmental, open, calm, and maintain professional boundaries.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to maintain required volunteer schedule, be on time, and be accountable.

**Training & Other Requirements:**
- Completion of the IVPS mandated Peer Supporter 40-hour training hosted during April, August, and September 2018 (exact dates TBD).
- Completion of additional training/orientation sessions, including observation sessions, to develop personal comfort level with taking calls/conducting in-person advocacy appointments.
- Remain in good academic standing and maintain good standing with Student Conduct.
- Completion of all policies and procedures documentation.
Time Commitment:

- Commit to being a Peer Supporter for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- Volunteer 4 hours or more each week, on a mutually convenient schedule (specific offices hours to be determined prior to each semester)
- Attend weekly IVPS meetings (date & time TBD).