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

**Recruiting Department:** Student Emergency Services, Interpersonal Violence Peer Support  
**Supervisors:** Bree Van Ness, Advocate & Peer Advocacy Coordinator  
Justin Carter, Outreach & Prevention Coordinator

**Hours per week:** 4-6 (Evening and weekend hours required)  
**Length of appointment:** August 2020 through May 2021  
**Application deadline:** March 25, 2020 by 5pm (applications are available on our website: bit.ly/UTIVPSRecruitment)

**Position Overview:** Peer Supporters in the Interpersonal Violence Peer Support program offer direct support and resources to UT students who have been impacted by interpersonal violence, as well as engage the campus community in creating awareness around sexual violence, relationship violence, and stalking. Peer Supporters are non-mandatory reporters regarding Title IX concerns.

Students who are selected to be an IVPS Peer Supporter will participate in mandatory training during April, August, and September 2020 to gain an understanding of the dynamics of interpersonal violence, what community and campus resources are available to students impacted by violence, and best practices in peer-facilitated workshops.

**As a Peer Supporter, you will:**
- Conduct in-person student advocacy appointments.
- Engage in supportive, respectful, and active listening.
- Schedule and facilitate peer education and outreach presentations regarding the Title IX process and supportive responses for students impacted by interpersonal violence.

**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 interpersonal violence.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Ability to maintain required volunteer schedule, be on time, and be accountable.

**Training & Other Requirements:**
- Completion of the IVPS mandated Peer Supporter training hosted during April, August, and September 2020.
  - Spring Orientation: April 25, 2020
  - Fall Training: August 29 & September 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2020
- Completion of additional training/orientation sessions, including role plays and observation sessions, to develop personal comfort level with facilitating presentations and conducting in-person advocacy appointments.
- Attend weekly IVPS meetings on Wednesdays from 6-7pm.
- Remain in good academic standing and maintain good standing with Student Conduct.

**Questions?** If you have questions, please contact the Peer Advocacy Coordinator, Bree Van Ness at ivps@austin.utexas.edu.

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