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

**Recruiting Department:** Student Emergency Services, Interpersonal Violence Peer Support

**Supervisors:** Kiandra Benson, Confidential Advocate & Peer Advocacy Coordinator

**Hours per week:** 4-6 (Evening hours required)

**Length of appointment:** August 2022 through May 2023

**Application deadline:** January 31st, 2022 by 5pm (applications will be available on our website in October 2021)

**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 2022 with a summer check in 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 and virtual 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 2022.
  - Spring Orientation: April 10 & 24, 2022
  - Summer Check in: TBD
  - Fall Training: August 28 & September 4 & 11, 2022
- 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, Kiandra Benson at ivps@austin.utexas.edu.

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