

Volunteer Coach

Universify Education is looking for **enthusiastic students or recent graduates** who are passionate about university to act as Volunteer Coaches to students in Year 10-11. We work with students from non-selective state schools, helping to boost their attainment and aspirations on our **year-long programme**.

IS THIS THE RIGHT VOLUNTEERING ROLE FOR ME?

We are looking for volunteers who share our vision of educational equality. Our Volunteer Coaches are incredibly **motivated and proactive**, and take a **genuine interest in our students' futures**. They play an essential role in making the student experience rewarding, inspiring and, above all, fun.

WHAT DOES VOLUNTEERING WITH UNIVERSIFY INVOLVE?



- Help run a 1-week summer course in Oxford/Cambridge in August 2023
- Help run a 3-day spring residential in Oxford/Cambridge in March/April 2024
- Provide monthly hour-long online coaching sessions for a year to up to 3 students (3 hours a month)
- Pre-course training – 8.5 hours, covering coaching and safeguarding

Summer and Spring Courses

You will join a **team of volunteers** to deliver an authentic and inspirational experience of university life.

- **Run activities and group work projects for students**
- **Share your experience of university** and answer questions about university life
- **Safeguard student welfare** to ensure student are happy, healthy and enjoying the course, and to report any concerns to Group Leaders

Monthly online coaching

You will act as a coach to up to three students during monthly online coaching sessions, where you will help students stay motivated and reflect on their academic progress.

- **Empower students** through active listening
- **Support students** to set and achieve their academic goals by being a reliable and consistent role model

WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN?

Being a Volunteer Coach will challenge you to think on your feet, act as a consistent role-model for young people, and engage with a wide variety of people from different backgrounds.

You will receive **specialist training in coaching, mentoring and child safeguarding** and receive coaching support on the residential courses and throughout the year.

In addition to the skills and experience you will gain through the programme, **we run an opt-in full-year training programme to further improve your employability skills**. You will have the option of **becoming a certified Mental Health First Aider** as well as developing your coaching skills and your understanding of working with young people.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

- **Voluntary:** we will cover course-related expenses and travel to and from residentials (within the UK)
- **Accommodation:** on residentials, we will provide some accommodation. Priority goes to Course Directors, Group Leaders and people coming from outside Oxford and Cambridge
- **Meals:** all meals are provided at the partner college during the residential courses

APPLY

Please complete our [application form](#) as soon as possible. Successful applicants will be invited to an interview. Places will be filled on a rolling basis.

ABOUT US

Universify Education exists to further educational equality. Our vision is a diverse and inclusive higher education system, tackling the under-representation of students from disadvantaged backgrounds in the UK's top universities.

Universify Education is committed to safeguarding and protecting children. We check references and undertake enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks to ensure all staff are suitable to work with children.

Please note that all personal information submitted via our application form will be treated in accordance with our [data protection policy](#).

We want all our volunteers to feel supported and listened to. We are always happy to discuss any adjustments to the application process or role that you may require. For more information, please email info@universifyeducation.com



Being a Volunteer Coach has been immensely fulfilling. I really enjoyed helping out with the summer school and engaging with a larger group of students, but the coaching sessions have been the highlight from my role.

It has been amazing seeing the confidence of my coachee grow in both themselves and their ambitions, even within a session. Additionally, getting the chance to put the coaching training into action and actually see it working has increased my own confidence in my own abilities and is something I can hopefully carry forward from this volunteering experience.

**Simrit Sekhon, 2020-21
Volunteer Coach**