

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?

Our year-long programme consists of 2 residentials and monthly 1-2-1 coaching sessions. As a volunteer, you will work as part of a team to ensure the smooth running of both the Summer and Spring residentials as well as provide your coachee(s) with 1 hour coaching sessions each month.



A week-long summer residential

During this residential you will support students to take part in the following:

Taster sessions in a range of subjects such as English, Philosophy, Psychology, Environmental Law, etc.

Activities such as group work, museum trips, punting, scavenger hunt, quizzes and movie nights etc.

3-day GCSE spring residential

During this residential you will support students to take part in the following:

GCSE revision sessions in a range of subjects such as English, Maths, Science.

Activities and social evening events such as Dragons Den and games night.

Monthly 1-2-1 Coaching Sessions

During these sessions you will:

Empower students through this helping relationship, using skills like active listening.

Support students to set and achieve their personal academic goals by being a reliable and consistent role model.

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

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

- **Work like an entrepreneurial unit:** As volunteers you will **work together to ensure the course runs smoothly**. You will use your **communication skills to work effectively with your team running activities and group work projects for the students**. You will be responsible for making sure **activities run on time and that students are engaged throughout the course**.
- **Safeguard student welfare:** You will be responsible for **making sure the students feel safe and comfortable during their time at the college**. You will be both **proactive and reactive to minor student welfare issues**; this means **getting to know your students and observing their behaviour and checking in** with them as well as **dealing with issues that they present to you in confidence**.
- **Monthly 1-2-1 coaching sessions:** You will deliver monthly sessions to **up to 3 students, allowing them the space to voice their concerns and support them** in finding their own solutions. You will help by **motivating them to reflect and move towards their goals**.

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 residential (within the UK)
- **Accommodation:** on residential, 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



Volunteering with Universify is a life-changing experience for both the students involved and the volunteers themselves. My confidence, initiative and ability to make important decisions have increased throughout the course of the week. The importance of these courses are crucial for everyone involved and the Universify team themselves are very supportive and encouraging in every decision that is made.



**St Catherine's College,
Cambridge Volunteer**