

Volunteer Coach

Universify Education seeks **enthusiastic students or recent graduates** who are passionate about university to act as Volunteer Coaches to students in Year 10/11. You will be part of our summer online course, 4-day Easter residential, and will deliver monthly academic coaching online on our **year-long programme**.

HOW WILL CORONAVIRUS AFFECT UNIVERSIFY?

The need for access and outreach hasn't diminished due to the current situation - instead it is **more important than ever**, as reduced school support due to Covid-19 continues to disproportionately impact students from disadvantaged backgrounds. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing uncertainty around Covid-19, **we have made the decision to move all our 2020 summer residential programmes online** - and we need amazing volunteer coaches to make that happen. We've already delivered an online version of our Easter residential and **volunteers were fundamental to this success**, keeping students engaged and energised throughout.

WHAT DOES VOLUNTEERING WITH UNIVERSIFY INVOLVE?

You will join a **team of volunteers** to deliver an authentic and inspirational experience of university life to **Year 10/11 students from non-selective state schools**. In addition, you will connect monthly by phone to check on students' academic progress and provide encouragement. We are **looking for volunteers who share our vision of educational equality** - that universities become open to anyone with academic potential regardless of their background.

WHAT MAKES AN EXCELLENT UNIVERSIFY COACH?

Our Volunteer Coaches are incredibly **enthusiastic, proactive and motivated** because they play an essential role in making the student experience rewarding, interesting and, above all, fun.

Volunteering as a Universify Coach throughout the year-long programme will test your ability 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.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- **5 day summer course online** in August 2020
- **4 day Easter residential** at an Oxford or Cambridge college in March/April 2021
- **Monthly online coaching sessions for a year**

The Summer online course

- **Organise and engage students** in academic sessions and group projects
- **Run activities and group work projects for students**
- **Share your experience of university** to provide an authentic insight into university life
- **Safeguard student welfare** to ensure students are happy, healthy and enjoying the course, and to report any concerns to Group Leaders

Monthly online coaching

- **Empower students.** Through active listening a coach works to empower students to achieve their academic goals
- **Coaches are consistent and reliable**, helping students keep track of their progress each month and taking a genuine interest in their futures

Easter Residential

- **Coaches help students to prepare** for their upcoming exams and sustain motivation in the run up to GCSEs

WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

You will receive specialist training in coaching, mentoring and child safeguarding run by Universify. You will also have coaching support from experienced Course Directors and staff on the residential courses and throughout the year.

We run an opt-in full-year training programme which aims to enhance your broader employability skills as well as your coaching skills and expertise in working with young people. Training is delivered through 4 sessions over the year and covers:

- **Advanced Coaching**
- **Youth Mental Health First Aid**
- **Stress management workshop**
- **Coaching skills for employability**

PRACTICAL DETAILS

- **Voluntary** – we will cover adhoc expenses and travel to and from the residential (within the UK)
- **Accommodation** – for the residential course, we will provide some accommodation with priority going to Course Directors and Group Leaders and people coming from outside Oxford and Cambridge
- **Meals** – all meals are provided at the partner college during the residential course.
- **Location** – online for summer and for monthly coaching; Oxford University colleges and one Cambridge University college for the Easter residential

APPLY

Please complete our [application form](#) as soon as possible. Spaces 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.

We have developed a transformative programme for Year 10 students in the UK who are at risk of not fulfilling their potential in higher education which encompasses a week-long summer residential, a 3-day Easter revision course, and monthly academic coaching. In 2020, we will expand our programme to Cambridge University and partner with three Oxford Colleges.

DISCLAIMER

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

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