

Group Leader

Universify Education is looking for **enthusiastic students or recent graduates** who are passionate about university to act as Group Leaders 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 Group Leaders must be energetic, committed and enthusiastic people who have **experience of leading a team and working with young people**. Group Leaders lead groups of 20 students with the help of a Course Director.

WHAT DOES VOLUNTEERING WITH UNIVERSIFY INVOLVE?



- **Lead a 1-week summer course in Oxford/Cambridge in August 2023**
- **Lead 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 training, with additional ad hoc training sessions throughout the year**

Summer and Spring Courses

As a Group Leader you will be responsible for a group of 20 students and manage a team of Volunteer Coaches on our two residential courses.

- **Manage a group of Volunteer Coaches** to ensure the successful delivery of the course
- **Be responsible for** the welfare and discipline of a group of 20 students
- **Organise and lead** student excursions, evening activities, and a half-day trip
- **Assist the Course Director** in administrative and course delivery duties

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 Group Leader will challenge you to think on your feet, act as a consistent role-model for young people, and manage a small team of volunteers.

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



Applying to volunteer as Group Leader for Universify was the best decision I've made so far this year. It was a hugely humbling experience, and incredibly rewarding to make a tangible difference in young people's lives. Being part of such a dynamic and motivated team of volunteers and staff has meant that I have made wonderful friends from all different walks of life.

**Group Leader, 2020-21
Programme**