

Group Leader

Universify Education seeks **enthusiastic students or recent graduates** who are passionate about university to act as Group Leaders on our summer online course and 4-day Easter weekend. You will also deliver monthly academic coaching to students in Year 10/11 on our **year-long coaching 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 volunteers 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 IS A UNIVERSIFY GROUP LEADER?

As a Group Leader you will be responsible for a group of 20 students and manage a team of Volunteer coaches to ensure the smooth delivery of the course. Our Group Leaders must be energetic, committed and enthusiastic people who have **experience of leading a team and working with students**.

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**

Summer and Easter residentials

- **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
- **Liaise with tutors to ensure students attend class and fulfil the academic element of the programme**
- **Assist the Course Director** in administrative and course delivery duties

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

WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

You will receive specialist training in coaching, mentoring and child safeguarding jointly run by Dallaglio RugbyWorks and Universify. You will also have coaching support from experienced Course Directors and staff on the residential courses and throughout the year. In addition, you will attend specialist Course Director and Group Leader training.

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
- **Accommodation** – all Group Leaders will be given accommodation
- **Meals** – all meals are provided at the partner college
- **Location** – Oxford University colleges and one Cambridge University college

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 four 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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