

Mentorship Program



July 7th 2014:

The Political Science Association (PSA) is looking for qualified undergraduate or graduate students (including MPA, MA and PhD) who would like to help the department. The mentorship program pairs experienced students with 1st or 2nd year PSA members to improve their academic experience and foster an interest in Political Science outside the classroom. This position is an excellent networking tool that will look positive on a resume or application.

Note: Mentors' program/academic interests, name and photo will be published in our Guidebook and distributed to PSA members.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Attend both essay clinics (1 per semester)
- Answer questions via email or in person as needed
- Act in a professional manner as a representative of the Political Science Department.
- Regularly brainstorm for new initiatives to contribute to PSA's growth and success

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Must be studying Political Science (in a major or higher) either as a 3rd or 4th year Undergraduate or a Graduate Student.
- Must be in high academic standing

RECOMMENDED SKILLS:

- Strong written and communication skills
- Knowledgeable of Western Political Science
- Knowledgeable of USC Clubs in the field of Political Science (i.e. Debate, Democracy Lab, the PSA etc.)
- **Reliable** and **Dependable**

MENTORSHIP COMMISSIONER

The Mentorship Commissioner will act as a liaison between the PSA executive team and the 2014-2015 Mentors. The Commissioner will delegate Mentors – Mentees, communicate on behalf of the mentors via email or telephone, and represent the Mentorship Program at all PSA executive meetings. As well, the Commissioner will be

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responsible for a separate “Mentor” email account that will be sent out to first and second year PSA students prior to the essay clinics. If you would like to be considered for this position, please indicate so on your application.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applicants are required to submit the following to mentor.psa.western@gmail.com by 11:59pm Sunday July 27th 2014. *No late submissions will be considered.*

- Name, Program, Year and UWO Email
- Your specialization and/or interests in Political Science
- Attach a sample of writing, ideally relating to Political Science (Can be an essay, thesis or similar paper). Save it as a **.pdf**
- 300 Words (maximum) describing your experience and qualifications
- (Optional) Indicate if you would like to be considered for Mentorship Commissioner

Successful applicants will be notified on August 1st 2014. All applicants will be contacted. Questions can be sent to mentor.psa.western@gmail.com