

Residence & Housing
Office of Student Experience

Volunteer Peer Mentor to support student with Asperger's Syndrome

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

- A peer mentor will help a student with Asperger's Syndrome learn/practice self-advocacy
- Will support student in identifying/accessing university facilities/services as needed
- Will assist student in navigating use of leisure facilities (e.g., gym)
- Will help student increase confidence, independence
- Will offer student opportunities to practice social skills in real-life settings
- Will help interpret social/nonverbal cues that are misunderstood by the student

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

- A Peer Mentor
 - Will meet student on a regular basis as agreed upon with student
 - Is very familiar with and knowledgeable about the university (layout, services offered, social activities, campus life, etc.)
 - Has excellent communication skills with the ability to be very clear, concise, and specific with explanations/advise/guidance
 - Is reliable, honest, patient, and understanding
 - Has the ability to set and follow clear boundaries and responsibilities as outlined with the student
 - Is able to maintain discretion/confidentiality as decided upon with student

WHO CAN APPLY:

- Students who have completed at least one year of university and fulfill the above criteria

RATE OF PAY:

- This is a volunteer position

HOW TO APPLY:

- Contact Shannon Travers at 457-5520 or shannon.travers@msvu.ca