WHAT IS NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION?

New Student Orientation is an opportunity for new beginnings, traditions, and exploration. The program aims to aid in the academic, personal, social, and cultural transition of new undergraduate students and their families to the GW and D.C. communities. The programming is designed to introduce new students and their families to the academic culture, community expectations and resources, and involvement opportunities on-campus and in the city. We hope you take advantage of all that GW has to offer and utilize the people around you for support and guidance as you begin your journey. We are excited to welcome you to your new home!

WHAT IS AN ORIENTATION LEADER?

As an Orientation Leader (OL), you will serve as an ambassador for GW as we welcome, transition, and begin to integrate new students and their families to the George Washington University and surrounding community from May to the end of their first semester. OLs will have an opportunity to:

- Serve as a resource to incoming students and their families.
- Guide groups of incoming students throughout the various Orientation activities.
- Lead and facilitate small group discussions with new students - addressing and answering a range of questions regarding their anticipated college experience.
- Perform administrative and logistical tasks ranging from email correspondence to preparing handouts and materials for the Orientation activities.
- Provide logistical support to Orientation Peer Advisors, Student Coordinators, and professional staff members in the Division for Student Affairs in the development and execution of Orientation.
- Participate in Admitted Student Day (Inside GW) activities.
- Participate in Welcome Day of Service as a facilitator.
- Serve as a mentor throughout Orientation week and during the fall semester through various roles, including facilitating a District Connections (first-year experience series) event.

QUALIFICATIONS + EXPECTATIONS

- Be a current and returning undergraduate student for the next academic year (2020 - 2021) and enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.
- Be in good academic, judicial, and financial standing with the University. It is advised that you be forthcoming and honest if you are in violation of any of the above. Additionally, if you have ever pleaded or been found in violation of a judicial violation, it is advised that you speak to the violation in your application.
- Enthusiasm for serving as an ambassador for GW.
- Exhibit excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Have a strong awareness of deadlines and the importance of adhering to those deadlines.
- Demonstrate leadership experience, strong decision-making skills, and be a team player.
- Demonstrate a willingness to be flexible, adaptable, and accepting of unpredictable change.
TIME COMMITMENT

- Participate in up to four training workshops during spring 2020 semester, likely in April and/or May on a weekend day and running up to 2 hours each workshop.
- Participate in Admitted Student Day (Inside GW) programming (roles vary). Time commitment would be up to 3 hours each Inside GW day.
- Be available to return to campus as early as Wednesday, August 19 for training and program preparation.
- Be available to participate in Orientation-related activities from Wednesday, August 19 – Sunday, August 30.
- Remain an active mentor and stay connected to small group members throughout the fall 2020 semester, which includes facilitating at least one (1) District Connections event. Responsibilities will end with Midnight Breakfast (week of December 7).

BENEFITS

- Opportunity to move-in early for fall 2020 semester.
- Experience working with a diverse group of individuals to accomplish a unique task.
- Learn helpful, important information about GW programs and resources and work with GW administrators.
- Personal and professional development opportunities in a positive and supportive environment.
- Opportunity to serve as the face of GW and a guide to incoming students and their families.
- Contribute to the ongoing evaluation of a new Orientation staffing structure and program model.

ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

- **New Student Orientation**
  - First Year students - Wednesday, August 26 - Sunday, August 30
  - Transfer students - Wednesday, August 26 – Friday, August 28
  - Pre-Orientation families of first-year students – Monday, August 24
  - First Year families - Thursday, August 27
  - Transfer families - Thursday, August 27
  *New Student Orientation also includes Convocation and Welcome Day of Service*

- **Move-In**
  - International and domestic first-year and transfer student early arrival – Sunday, August 23
  - First-year and transfer student regular arrival – Wednesday, August 26
  *Early arrival also includes all pre-orientation program participants.*

Please note: Orientation programming is subject to change.
APPLICATION INFORMATION

- Information sessions will take place on the following:
  - January 22 at 6 p.m. in Marvin Center room 403
  - January 23 at 7 p.m. in Eckles Library Auditorium (Mount Vernon Campus)
  - January 29 at 6 p.m. in Science and Engineering Hall B1270
  - February 1 at 12 p.m. in Marvin Center room 403
  - February 3 at 7 p.m. in Multicultural Student Services Center (MSSC) room 209
  - February 7 at 3 p.m. in Marvin Center room 403

Applicants are not required, but are highly encouraged, to attend an information session.

- Applications open on February 3 in Engage and must be submitted no later than February 18 by 11:59 p.m.
- Selected applicants will participate in a group interview process one Saturday between February 26 - March 11. More information to come.
- All remaining applicants will be notified of decisions by or around March 13.
- All chosen applicants will be required to accept position by March 24.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at orientation@gwu.edu.