JOB DESCRIPTION:

ACADEMIC COACH

The Academic Enhancement Center is offering a limited number of academic coaching positions open to undergraduate students at URI. The position involves enrolling in a 3-credit course and concurrently working as an academic coach as part of the course during the semester. After completing the course, the coach may receive the opportunity to work for pay the following semester.

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is designed to prepare undergraduate students, who are interested in the academic skills development of college students, to become academic peer coaches. The course consists of two components: a seminar and a practicum. The seminar component provides an overview of learning theories and academic coaching techniques and an opportunity to reflect on the theories and techniques in practice. Seminar will range in topics, such as constructivist learning theory and effective test taking strategies. During the practicum component, students will apply the theories and techniques learned in the seminar to the work of academic peer coaching of students at the University of Rhode Island.

Practicum Description (approx. 2 hrs week of Academic Coaching at the AEC):

Working with the AEC staff, the coach will:

- Create a weekly coaching schedule with flexible hours
- Meet individually with students for 30 minute coaching appointments
- Develop and enhance student’s strategic thinking and academic skills with specific focuses on helping students to improve their ability to:
  - Organize and manage their work
  - Study for improved memorization and recall
  - Process, analyze, and explain new information
  - Understand professor’s expectations
  - Take exams
  - Reduce procrastination and anxiety
  - Stay motivated
  - Build self-efficacy

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- 3.0 cumulative GPA (While successful applicants typically have above a 3.0, if you have less than a 3.0, there is room to explain this in your application and we encourage you to still apply.)
- Understanding of effective study strategies
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Enthusiasm for learning

TO APPLY: visit www.uri.edu/aec/work to submit an application