

**UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS - UNIVERSITY ADVISING CENTER  
SUMMER 2008 - PEER ADVISOR- RETURNER - JOB DESCRIPTION**

**ROLE OF THE RETURNER PEER ADVISOR:** Returner Peer Advisors serve as members of the University Advising Center (UAC) staff and assist new students with their academic transition to KU. Returner Peer Advisors demonstrate leadership; act as a role model for fellow team members; and work to build a cohesive peer advising team. Most work responsibilities are scheduled Monday and Thursday evening and Tuesday and Friday afternoons through June and July, plus two additional days in August. Therefore, it is possible to take summer session courses that do not conflict with the orientation schedule. Returner Peer Advisors work approximately 10 to 15 hours per week. Additional hours may be available to Returner Peer Advisors throughout the summer and academic year. **Undergraduate and graduate students are encouraged to apply.**

**DUTIES AND EXPECTATIONS:** Returner Peer Advisors participate in the academic advising component of all summer orientation sessions for freshman, transfer and readmitted students; assist faculty, staff, students, parents and guests with the advising process; act as a resource for incoming students; assist with placement testing during new student orientation; assist with preparation of materials for advising and related office duties; and perform other duties as deemed necessary to the success of summer orientation.

**CHARACTERISTICS:** Returner Peer Advisors should possess and demonstrate the following:

- Strong knowledge of own academic area and ability to learn and understand academic requirements
- Understand and support the goals and philosophies of the UAC
- Ability to encourage academic success and to motivate self and others
- Strong interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to establish rapport with peers, students, parents, faculty and staff
- Ability to serve as a role model demonstrating good judgment and ethical behavior
- Ability to set a positive tone for interaction, demonstrating responsibility and respect for others' rights, feelings, lifestyles, diverse backgrounds, and for personal and University property
- Ability to work in a team and to be flexible
- A sense of humor
- Serve as a positive role model
- Ability to serve in a leadership capacity

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Must have served as a Peer Advisor for a minimum of one summer.
2. Demonstrate ability to lead a diverse team of peer advisors.
3. Demonstrate strong communication skills.
4. **Undergraduates** must have a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA **OR** be a graduating senior at the end of the spring 2008 semester. **Graduate students** must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA.
5. Complete - by the end of the spring 2008 semester - a minimum of 24 credits at KU.
6. Available to work on days of orientation sessions (M & R evening, T & F afternoon).

**SALARY:** \$8.75 per hour minimum

**REPORTS TO:** Assistant Director of the UAC

**TIME COMMITMENT:** April 26, 2008 (9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) for mandatory training session; May 19-23 & 27-29 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) for training sessions; part-time (10 to 15 hours per week) June 4 through July 25; selected times August 18-22 for Fall Orientation and Open Enrollment; selected times during 2008-2009 academic year for 2009 Spring Orientation and Open Enrollment, 2009 Transfer Orientation and Enrollment.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** To be considered for this position, candidates must (1) submit an application online at <https://jobs.ku.edu> by 5 p.m., Friday, February 8, 2008, AND (2) submit a supplemental application to the University Advising Center, 126 Strong Hall, by 5 p.m., Friday, February 8, 2008. The supplemental application will ask candidates to submit (a) an involvement resume; (b) two essay responses; (c) an academic release form. Supplemental applications are available online at [www.advising.ku.edu/peeradvisor/returner](http://www.advising.ku.edu/peeradvisor/returner) or in the University Advising Center, 126 Strong Hall.

**CONTACT:** If an applicant has additional questions, please contact:

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