Peer Financial Advisor (PFA)

The Office of Student Housing and Residence Life is looking for two (2) self-starting, energetic, and collaborative individuals who have financial aid or financial assistance knowledge, and have a passion for working with a diverse and unique student population within a vibrant residential community.

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Today’s college students are bombarded with ads, commercials, and mailings telling them that they need to spend money in order to be happy. At the same time, many of us come to college very ill-equipped to handle our finances. The CSUB Peer Financial Advising Program is designed to address this problem. We will strive to equip college students with a basic understanding of personal financial management to help meet life’s challenges and opportunities, many of which touch upon the topic of money.

The Peer Financial Advising Program is set up on the premise that the best way to reach college students is by having fellow students provide valuable information and experiences that they can relate to and apply in their daily lives. Student Peer Finance Advisors (PFAs) would potentially present dynamic seminars to classes, clubs, residence halls and other student organizations on campus, but more importantly, conduct one-on-one advisement on CSUB’s current financial aid options, scholarships, and other available avenues for financial aid.

Mission

The mission of the Peer Financial Advising Program is to provide basic financial management principles to college students that will equip them for life’s challenges and opportunities.

Vision

The vision of the Peer Financial Advising Program is to impact more students every year, and to help our peers understand the implications of their actions today on their futures tomorrow.

Goal

The goal of the program is to increase financial literacy and financial independence among CSUB’s student body. The Peer Financial Advising Program is composed of student peer financial advisors (PFAs) who will advise students on a one-on-one basis, as well as conduct group sessions for students. It is hoped that the students will learn from these sessions, as well as from personal stories that PFAs might wish to share. At the end of each session (or presentation), there are short evaluation forms that are filled out in order to give the PFAs an idea about which details could be added to the presentations, as well as what information was deemed the most applicable to the student audience. This allows the PFAs to tailor the information to the audience in order to yield a more productive presentation.

Training

PFAs will be provided with training on:

- Basic Peer Listening and Advising Skills
- CSUB Financial Aid Programs and Contacts
- FAFSA Guidelines
- Scholarship Programs
- Loans (Subsidized vs. Unsubsidized)
- DirectPlus Loans
**Job Requirements**

- Must work 20 hours a week
- Must have a commitment to serving CSUB students
- Must have some financial assistance program knowledge
- Previous student leadership experience preferred
- Must have an ability to multi-task, prioritize and successfully navigate ambiguity
- Self-directed professional with strong interpersonal, problem solving and customer service skills
- Must be a good academic role model; must have and maintain a GPA of 2.25 or higher
- Must have good listening skills
- Must be able to maintain a professional demeanor – but still be able to have fun at work
- Must have demonstrated leadership skills in regards to working with other students

**Compensation**

$12/hour. Positions begin immediately and are open until filled.

How to Apply:
Complete the online application [HERE](#)

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