

Are you interested in serving as a Peer Academic Advisor?

The Academic Advising Center is looking for declared, rising juniors and seniors in Trinity College who are willing to serve as an advising resource for Trinity first-year and undeclared sophomore students. Specifically, we hope to find peer advisors who can share their knowledge and expertise in the following areas:

- Choosing a major
- Selecting courses
- Engaging with faculty / finding a faculty mentor
- Study abroad planning
- Taking courses over the summer
- Combining majors, minors and certificate programs

How peer advising will work

The deans and advisors in the Academic Advising Center will refer students to the peer advising network whenever advisees could benefit from a student's perspective on a course or program planning issue. A photo, contact info, and a brief biographical sketch of each peer advisor appears on the Academic Advising Center Website (on a secure page that will require a valid Duke Net ID and password to enter). Initially, students will get in touch with advisors via e-mail, but subsequent contacts may be in person, by phone or any other method that works for the peer advisor.

Expectations of peer advisors

Peer advisors will be part of an advising team that includes the academic advisors in Trinity College and the deans in the Academic Advising Center. The primary benefit of peer advising to undeclared students is gaining a fellow student's perspective on ways to make the most out of the opportunities available to Trinity undergraduates. Peer advising is not intended to replace the advice and recommendations given by a student's academic advisor or dean, but rather to enhance this guidance and expand the overall advising experience of premajor students.

Our expectations of peer advisors include:

- Prompt response to student e-mails and questions
- Referral of student questions to the Academic Advising Center when appropriate
- Respecting student confidentiality when responding to questions and giving advice

How to apply

If you are interested in volunteering as a peer advisor, please complete the attached application and return to one of the campus drop off points indicated on the form. You can also fax your application (Attn: Aaron Todd) to **684-4515** or submit it as an e-mail attachment by March 1 or November 1 each year. We do both a fall and spring recruitment period (typically a 30 day window to apply). We look forward to hearing from you!

PEER ACADEMIC ADVISOR APPLICATION
Trinity College

Name: _____

Student ID #: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ (Term) (Year)

Program of study

Major: _____

2nd major (if applicable): _____

Minor(s) (if applicable): _____

Certificate program(s) (if applicable): _____

Study abroad/away

Have you had a study abroad/away experience? No Yes. If yes, where?

Are you planning on studying abroad/away? No Yes. If yes, where?

Research

Have you had any research experiences while at Duke? No Yes. If yes, please describe:

Your Duke experience (attach additional sheets, if necessary)

What have been your favorite courses at Duke?

What co-curricular activities/organizations are you involved with?

At this point in your life, what do you think you will do after Duke?

What areas of expertise would you bring to the peer academic advisor network?

Your signature

Date