



*AS Student-Initiated Recruitment and Retention Committee*

## **GUIDES Summer Orientation Resident Assistant Application**

**Guiding Undergraduates in Developing Educational Success**

**GUIDES** is a retention based program that aims to promote student leadership and academic success of incoming first-years through mentorship. Mentees are required to attend a 3-day orientation hosted by AS SIRRC, GUIDES Summer Orientation (GSO). In addition, mentees are paired up with an active student leader who is to provide personal guidance, information on academic resources, and access to leadership opportunities. Through this mentorship program, we will empower first-year students and prepare them for success in a higher education institution.

We only have five positions available. One of the RA's will be paid and the other four will be volunteers. However, volunteers should not be discouraged because you can add this to your resume and it will be a rewarding experience.

### **If selected, RAs are expected to:**

- Stay in Anacapa Residence Hall Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, September 1, 2012.
- Remain in active communication with SIRRC Retention chairs through the summer.
- Provide proof of UCSB RA certification
- Attend GSO debrief on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 in the AS Annex at 6pm (subject to change)
- Responsible for keeping track of students' liability forms, paperwork, dietary needs, etc... (only the days of GSO, not prior to, nor after)
- Enforce the UCSB Resident Hall and AS SIRRC's rules and regulations
- Be approachable and sensitive to student's emotional, social and personal needs

**Due date: Monday. June 11, 2012 at 3pm in the Annex Retention mailbox (hard copies only)**

\*Please attach your typed responses to questions #1-7

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year/Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Free Response Questions:**

1. Describe experiences you have had (leadership, community service, employment, counseling, group living/res hall, multicultural, campus involvement, activity planning, educational, RA involvement, etc.), and how you feel they have influenced your decision to apply to be a GSO (GUIDES Summer Orientation) Resident Assistant and how they

have prepared you for the position. (Max Characters is 3500)

2. How familiar are you with campus resources (OSL, CLAS, etc.) Do you feel like you are well informed enough to give brief descriptions and answer any student questions?
3. What do you feel are the most significant issues confronting incoming freshman at UCSB? How might these issues impact the college experience? (Max Chars is 3500)
4. Of the issues you listed above (in question 3), choose one and describe how you would address it with your residents, then tell us why you think this would be the most effective way(s) of addressing this issue? (Max Characters is 3500)
5. Explain your perspective and/or experience with issues of diversity (race, class, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ability, etc.). How do you feel your perspective will help you facilitate a positive living community for all residents? (Max Characters is 3500)
6. What does being a leader mean to you? How do you shape a leader? (Max Characters 1500)
7. List 5 fun facts about yourself.

*By signing below I agree that if selected as a Resident Assistant for GSO, I will meet all requirements as an RA to the best of my abilities. I will follow the SIRRRC guidelines terms and conditions, and I will fully commit to this program including attending the GSO debrief and being present during the event.*

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Signature

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Date