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SSC Overview & Graduate Assistant Expectations

The Student Success Center (SSC) coordinates intentionally-designed and comprehensive programs, resources, and services that guide undergraduate students to degree completion at the University of South Carolina (UofSC). Students can serve in a few different capacities as Peer Leaders in the SSC, as well as Graduate Assistants with an array of opportunities. Through these leadership opportunities, peers and graduate students help students to engage in goal-setting and skill development, personal transition to the university setting, and effective decision-making.

In addition to program-specific duties, the responsibilities of Success Connect Graduate Assistants include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Support and serve as drop-in consultant with all SSC professional and graduate staff on a weekly basis
- Collaborate with all SSC teams on joint events (Move-In Crew, SSC Peer Leader Orientation/Training, SSC Peer Leader Recruitment, SSC Peer Leader Recognition Event, Finals Frenzy, etc.)
- Participate in Student Success Center events and professional development opportunities

Below are general outlines of the available positions. Please know that you will be given full position descriptions prior to your interview. Also, candidates will be given the opportunity to discuss the various positions with SSC staff prior to the interview at the GARP Employer Job Fair.

Peer Learning Graduate Assistants (1 for Supplemental Instruction)

The SSC coordinates intentionally-designed and comprehensive programs, resources, and services that guide undergraduate students to degree completion at the University of South Carolina (UofSC). Students can serve in a few different capacities as Peer Leaders in the SSC. Peer Learning GAs will supervise, support, and serve as mentors for Peer Leader Groups including Peer Tutors, Supplemental Instruction Leaders, and Peer Writing & Communications Tutors. In addition to these responsibilities, GAs will support program coordinators in the logistical aspects of their respective program. These assistantships will support peer leaders as they help undergraduate students with skill development as they work toward a better understanding of course material.

Success Connect Graduate Assistants (2 available, 1 for Financial Literacy and 1 for Early Alert)

The Graduate Assistants for Success Connect will assist in the promotion of student, staff, and faculty engagement in the form of student consultations and staff/faculty development opportunities. In addition to his or her primary functions, the GA will gain experience in supervising peer leaders, which includes (but is not limited to) conducting observations and assessments, providing feedback, mentoring, fostering collaboration and accountability, and scheduling. Through these leadership opportunities, peers and graduate students help undergraduate students to engage in goal-setting and skill development, practice positive financial strategies, personal transition to the university setting, and effective decision-making.
**Academic Engagement Graduate Assistant (1 available)**

The graduate assistant for Academic Engagement assists in the promotion of student, staff, and faculty engagement through a variety of intentional initiatives. This position will primarily work with initiatives related to Domestic Study Away and the Sophomore Initiative. The Domestic Study Away programs facilitate student travel within the U.S., U.S. Territories and Canada through the National Student Exchange (NSE) and helps faculty incorporate domestic travel in their courses. NSE is a study away experience that gives students experiences in the following areas: globalization, diversity and engagement. The NSE program supports and engages students who are attending UofSC on exchange while also preparing UofSC students who are planning to exchange at another institution. These programs afford students the opportunity to engage in high impact practices beyond the classroom. The Sophomore Initiative (TSI) is a combination of services, programs, and curricular and co-curricular activities that provides a gateway between a student's college transition and their future aspirations. The comprehensive program aims to increase persistence of students from the second to third year, develop traditions for sophomore students, and establish communication plans. The Sophomore Initiative provides opportunities and resources to support second-year students at USC in order to help students find purpose and demonstrate success both in and after college.

**Graduate Assistant for Transfers & Special Student Populations (2 available, 1 with a focus on Gamecock Gateway students and their transfer to USC & the other will be focused on Transfer and Veteran Students)**

The SSC coordinates an intentionally designed, comprehensive array of programs, resources, and services that guide students to degree completion at the USC by promoting academic goal setting, skill development, and effective decision-making. The TSSP graduate assistants play a critical role in the development, supervision, and assessment of the comprehensive suite of programs that comprise the SSC while developing professional skills and competencies in a supportive and collaborative environment. As such, a graduate assistant assigned to the Transfers and Special Student Population area of the SSC, will work with transfer students, student veterans, out of state students and any other specialized grouping of students as needed. The GA for TSSP that will focus on Gamecock Gateway students is a newly created position. The individual who fills this position will be responsible for assisting Gamecock Gateway students with their transition to the USC. However, there will be requirements to interact with the current cohort of students during their first year in the program.

**About University of South Carolina- Student Success Center**

The Student Success Center (SSC) is a comprehensive one-stop-shop for academic support services on campus. All the center’s programs and initiatives are free to undergraduate students at UofSC. The SSC facilitates student learning and degree completion by providing a comprehensive array of programs, resources, and services that advance academic goal-setting, skill development, personal transition to and within the university setting, and effective decision making. The SSC empowers students to achieve their academic and personal goals via opportunities for enhanced learning, interpersonal development, personal responsibility, and leadership.