

VOLUNTEER COACH

Universify Education seeks **enthusiastic students or recent graduates who are passionate about university** to act as Volunteer Coaches on our summer residential and 3-day Easter weekend.

You will join a team of volunteers to deliver an authentic and inspirational experience of university life to Year 10 students from non-selective state schools. In addition, you will connect monthly by phone to check on students' progress and provide encouragement. We are looking for volunteers who share **our vision that universities become open to anyone with academic potential regardless of their background.**



What is a Universify Coach?

Through active listening a coach works to empower students to achieve their academic dreams. As a coach you will catch up monthly via phone or Skype with your students to check-in on progress. You will also form a vital part of our volunteer team during the residential courses delivering the programme.

Our Volunteer Coaches must be incredibly enthusiastic, energetic and motivated, because they have an essential role in making the student experience rewarding, interesting and, above all, fun. This is a role for people who like action, activity and who get on brilliantly with others.

What is involved?

- 1 week summer residential
- 3 day Easter weekend
- Monthly coaching sessions by phone or Skype for a year

What support is provided?

You will receive specialist training in coaching and mentoring, led by Dallaglio RugbyWorks, and in child safeguarding. You will also have coaching support from experienced Course Directors and staff on the residential courses and throughout the year. We also provide mental health first aid training and safeguarding training.

We run an optional full-year leadership training programme which will help you to work on your own leadership goals. Its aim is to improve your broader employability skills as well as your coaching skills. Training is delivered through 4 sessions over the year, supported by a manual to track your progress.

Main Duties

- **Organise and engage** students in academic sessions, group work, and evening activities, acting as a role-model to students
- **Deliver group work sessions** where students design their own university
- **Accompany and socialise** with students on excursions and evening activities, providing insights into university life
- **Coach 2-3 students** via monthly calls for a year, helping to set and achieve academic goals
- **Safeguard student welfare** and ensure students are happy, healthy and enjoying the course
- Provide positive, friendly and helpful support to all staff and students

Practical details

- **Pay: £nil the role is voluntary**
- **Accommodation:** We provide some accommodation with priority going to Course Directors and Group Leaders and people coming from outside Oxford
- **Meals:** All meals are provided at the partner college
- **Location:** Oxford University colleges

Minimum requirements

- **Recent or current graduate or undergraduate student**
- **Passion for Higher Education and Outreach**
- **Motivated to work with young people**
- Good listening skills
- Excellent teamwork skills and a team player
- Problem solving and a hands-on attitude to getting things done
- Enthusiastic, energetic, motivated and imaginative

Application

Applications close at midnight on 26th June 2019. Places will be filled on a rolling basis. Find out more and apply online at <http://universifyeducation.com/volunteer/>.



'Universify is an engaging programme of personal development for young people with hidden talents, with an aim of promoting diversity and increasing aspirations to a top University. Having studied at a Universify partner school myself, I decided to get involved in an effort to share my experiences and inspire those who have come from a similar background. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the quieter students burst into life throughout the course of the residential and can truly appreciate the impact that has been made on this particular group of wonderful individuals!'

Sachin Ranadev, Universify Education Volunteer Coach 2018.

About us

Universify is a charity committed to educational equality. We inspire Year 10 students from non-selective state schools to strive for, apply to, and be accepted at highly-selective universities. Our intervention starts earlier than most outreach programmes, giving students the time to develop their goals and achieve the required GCSE grades to make a good application to university. Students attend academic sessions, delivered by academics, and undergraduate volunteers provide student welfare support and ongoing coaching throughout the programme.