

GROUP LEADER

Universify Education seeks **enthusiastic students or recent graduates who are passionate about university** to act as a Group Leader 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. 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 Group Leader?

As a Group Leader you will be responsible for a group of 20 students and manage a team of Volunteer coaches to ensure the smooth delivery of the course.

You will also act as a coach for up to 3 students on the course. 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.

Our Group Leaders must be energetic, committed and enthusiastic people who have experience of leading a team and working with students.

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, mental health and basic first aid. You will report to and work closely with the Course Director. You will also have coaching support from experienced Course Directors and staff on the residential courses and throughout the year.

We also run an optional leadership training programme for all our volunteers 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

- **Manage** a group of Volunteer Coaches to ensure the successful delivery of the course
- **Be responsible** for the welfare and discipline of a group of 20 students
- **Organise and lead** student excursions, evening activities, and a half-day trip
- **Liaise** with tutors to ensure students attend class and fulfil the academic element of the programme
- **Assist the Course Director** in administrative and course delivery duties
- **Coach 2-3 students** via monthly calls for a year, helping to set and achieve academic goals

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**
- **Past experience working for a summer school in a similar capacity or other relevant experience working with students**
- **Motivated to work with young people**
- **Excellent teamwork skills and a team player**
- **Enthusiastic, flexible and proactive**

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/>.

'Volunteering with Universify is a truly enjoyable and fun experience. Universify is a charity with a very clear purpose, namely to increase the representation of students from lower-income backgrounds at highly selective universities. Anyone involved with Universify can see how the programme is directly linked to this aim by helping to boost student aspirations, attainment and confidence. It was so rewarding to be part of something that helps students develop so much in such a short period of time. For me, the coaching sessions are the most fulfilling parts of working with Universify as you have the opportunity to really get to know a few students and pass on your own knowledge to help them through the challenges of their GCSEs.'



Kees Luteijn, Universify Education Group Leader 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.