**Research Infrastructure for Minority Institutions (RIMI) Peer Mentor Application**

**About RIMI:**

[National Institutes of Health (NIH)](http://www.nih.gov/) is extremely interested in developing biomedical research projects in the areas of health and health disparity. In 2008, the University was one of 19 universities in the country that was awarded a $4.5 million research grant by the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, which is part of NIH. This grant has funded a [state-of-the-art laboratory](http://www.fresnostate.edu/csm/rimi/facilities/index.html) for biomedical research that is located in Science I, Room 18. One of the goals of the grant is to increase the number of students involved in biomedical and behavioral research as well as the number of students successfully graduating in the disciplines. As part of this last goal, the project is seeking peer mentors who will serve as mentors and role models for students interested in biomedical and behavioral research.

**Job Description:**

A peer mentor is a knowledgeable and experienced guide and role model to student peers. A mentor will meet regularly with mentees. The positions are paid hourly and will report to Dr. Krish Krishnan.

**Goals:**

* Assist to achieve the potential within themselves
* Share stories about your own educational career and ways to overcome obstacles
* Help overcome fear of a professor and help them ask questions in class
* Assist in time management in order to do well in class
* Listen to student and help explore campus resources to help deal with the problem
* Understand how to use resources at the university
* Help students apply for research positions in laboratories on campus
* Be a role model

**Qualifications:**

Graduate or undergraduate students in the sciences. Should be interested or have experience in working on biomedical/behavioral related research, research education or research mentoring.

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**PERSONAL & CONTACT INFORMATION**

 **Name Student ID#**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Mailing Address** Street Apt # City Zip

 **Home Phone**   **Cell Phone**  **Email**

**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

 Current Class Level: \_\_\_\_ Major:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Units Completed:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC AND CAREER GOALS**

Do you plan to pursue a graduate or professional program after graduation? Yes  No 

If yes, what degree program do you plan to major in?

**List two (2) faculty references**

**Name Department email address phone**

**PERSONAL STATEMENT** (PLEASE TYPE)

1. Why do you want to be a peer mentor, and what do you hope to gain from this position with RIMI?
2. What specific qualifications do you bring to the peer mentor position that would enable you to effectively carry out the positions’ duties and responsibilities?
3. Briefly relate any experience you have had dealing with multi-cultural and varied socioeconomic populations.

What types of issues and concerns do you see facing such groups?

1. Please submit a curriculum vitae (CV), 2 page limit

The information I have submitted in my Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Photographs and research abstracts may also be obtained for use in dissemination materials such as websites, newsletters, and reports. I am aware of the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy act and hereby authorize the release of the requested information directly to the California State University, Fresno.

Student Signature Print Name Date

PLEASE EMAIL OR MAIL YOUR APPLICATION

**Deadline December 2, 2013**

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