



Mentoring, Educating and Training for Academic Success

*Peer Mentoring Program*

Mentee Application

Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center

University of Connecticut

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

### **What is METAS?**

The METAS (Mentoring, Educating and Training for Academic Success) Program is designed to assist first-year and transfer students with their college transition by pairing them with a peer mentor that will provide guidance and support. Benefits to participation include earning coursework credit, learning about resources and opportunities at UConn, attending educational, cultural and social events sponsored by the Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center (PRLACC) as well as other departments throughout campus and meeting other students who are going through the same experience.

The program's goals are: to enhance student retention; to create a strong sense of community among Latino students; to provide leadership opportunities; and to provide a support system for Latino freshman and transfer students as they transition into college life.

### **How does the program work?**

During the summer, future UConn freshmen and transfer students are recruited into the program and matched with peer mentors according to common interests and characteristics such as major, extracurricular activities, hometown, hobbies and/or gender. Participants will be able to take part in a number of activities during the year, which include the METAS Orientation, social and cultural events, educational workshops, fieldtrips, etc. Mentors and mentees can work together to determine expectations and how to best structure their mentoring relationship.

### **What are my commitments?**

Students in the program are encouraged to enroll in a 1-credit course (INTD 1820--Connecting with METAS!). This course will connect you to university resources and provide an opportunity for students to learn about and discuss issues pertinent to Latinos. Each week, students will learn about a range of topics such as cultural and campus resources, study skills, time management and problem solving. You will also learn how to positively contribute to the Latino community at UConn. The course will meet on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Other commitments include:

- Commit to be involved during the year and participate in the program's activities.
- Request guidance about campus resources, coursework, career goals and other educational and social opportunities as needed.
- Attend mandatory workshops (dates TBD).

### **What are the enrollment requirements?**

- Must be a first-year or transfer student in the fall at the Storrs campus.
- Must submit the completed application to PRLACC, 2110 Hillside Road., Unit 3188, Storrs, CT 06269-3188. Deadline to apply is July 31, 2009.
- Enroll in the 1-credit course. Enrollment in this course is encouraged and by instructor consent only. Please contact Jacqueline Guzman at [jacqueline.guzman@uconn.edu](mailto:jacqueline.guzman@uconn.edu) or (860) 486-1135 with questions regarding the class or to get your permission number to enroll.

### **Questions?**

All questions regarding the program should be directed to the program coordinators, Vanessa Mendoza, Gloria Paez or Pablo Sánchez Jr. at [m.e.t.a.s.program@gmail.com](mailto:m.e.t.a.s.program@gmail.com) or by phone at (860) 486 -1135. For further help or questions, you may also contact the director of the Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center, Dr. Mayté Pérez-Franco, at [mayte.perez-franco@uconn.edu](mailto:mayte.perez-franco@uconn.edu).



# Mentee Application

(Due July 31, 2009)

## Part I: Background Information (please print legibly)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Female  Male Languages spoken/written: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/Ethnicity:  White, non-Hispanic/Latino  African American  Asian/Pacific Islander

Latino/Hispanic (country of origin): \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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PeopleSoft Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_@uconn.edu

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Standing:  Freshmen or  Transfer Student If transfer student, what year are you? \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date (mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

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Campus/Local Address (if known):

Home Address/Summer (required):

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home/Summer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II: Short Answer**

*Please type or write the answers to the following questions. Please write no less than 3 sentences and be very specific as these responses are used for matching purposes.*

1. What are you looking for in a mentor?

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2. What areas do you know or feel that you will need assistance with when you arrive at the University of Connecticut (e.g. major, student organizations, etc.)?

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3. List activities, hobbies and interests.

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4. In your own words, describe yourself and your personality (please be specific).

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Part III: **Preferences**

Please check all that apply.

**"I would describe myself as..."**

Talkative    or     Quiet

Energetic    or     Laid back

Funny    or     Serious

Outgoing    or     Shy

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**"I would prefer a Mentor who is..."**

Talkative    or     Quiet

Energetic    or     Laid back

Funny    or     Serious

Outgoing    or     Shy

Male    or     Female

Part III: **Acknowledgement**

*I understand that in order to be considered for participation this application must be submitted by the deadline of July 31, 2009. Late applications are considered, but space is not guaranteed. I further acknowledge that the information on this application is true and accurate. If accepted, I understand that I am responsible for signing a contract with this program, which outlines expectations of me as a mentee.*

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**Signature**

**Date**

**\*Applications should be mailed to the Puerto Rican/Latin American Cultural Center, 2110 Hillside Rd. Unit 3188, Storrs, CT 06269-3188.**

**For office use only:**

**Date received:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Acceptance sent:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mentor:** \_\_\_\_\_