

## **About the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)**

The purpose of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is to fulfill New York State's commitment to provide access to higher education for economically disadvantaged students who possess the potential to succeed in college, but whose academic preparation in high school has not fully prepared them to pursue college education successfully. The primary mission of EOP is to facilitate the recruitment, enrollment, retention, and graduation of these students. This is accomplished by providing EOP students with an array of educationally related support services and opportunities including our mandatory 4 week EOP Summer Program for incoming EOP Freshmen.

### **EOP Peer Leader Summer 2017 – Peer Leader Position Announcement**

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is currently accepting applications for those students interested in pursuing a Peer Leader position for the 2017 EOP Summer Program. The first step to becoming an EOP Peer Leader is applying to be accepted into our EDU204 course (Peer Leader Training) for the Spring 2017 semester. **Application packets are due November 4, 2016.** Please see our website for more information [www.oswego.edu/academics/support/eop](http://www.oswego.edu/academics/support/eop). Typically, the EOP Peer Leader position has a work commitment of 5 weeks during the summer (typically the last week of June and the full month of July), has a stipend of \$1,500, and includes on-campus housing and meals.

### **Course Description: EDU204: Peer Leader Training**

Course Description: EDU 204 is designed to provide students with foundational knowledge in collaboration, leadership, and practice specific to Peer Leadership for the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP). Consistent with the authentic learning strategies of the School of Education, students will enhance their knowledge and understanding of the culture of the academy, scholarly work, leadership, mentoring, conflict resolution, social justice, organization, and planning.

### **Peer Leader Job Description** **EOP Summer Program 2017**

This position is a five-week, live-in position reporting to the EOP Director. All Peer Leaders will live on-campus with the EOP Freshman during the summer program. Must successfully complete and pass the EDU204: Peer Leader Training course in Spring 2017.

Job Goals and Objectives:

1. Develop characteristics of Leaders towards creating community within the EOP family.
2. Program development to promote academic enrichment, social interaction and campus / EOP identity and community building.
3. Professional development towards understanding and promoting SUNY Oswego and SUNY EOP's mission, vision and goals.
4. Engage in personal and professional behavior that promotes the ethical, moral and social responsibility that will impact future generations of EOP students and the EOP community.

**Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)**  
**Peer Leader Position Application Process**  
**Spring 2017**

1. Any student seeking an EOP Peer Leader position must complete and submit an application packet containing a resume, cover letter, and two letters of recommendation in person to our office (Marano Campus Center 171) or via email to [deborah.kite@oswego.edu](mailto:deborah.kite@oswego.edu) by **November 4, 2016**. You must also submit your available times for Tuesdays and Thursdays for an interview for the position and EDU 2014 class.
2. Interview with EOP staff, they will occur between **November 9<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>**.
3. If selected you will be enroll in EDU204: Peer Leader Training for the 2017 Spring semester. EDU204 decision letters will be mailed out on Wednesday, December 7, 2016.
4. The EDU204 course is scheduled to meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3-4:20pm. You must keep this time slot available on your schedule for class time. If selected to take the course you will be registered for it by the EDU204 instructor. \*For registration purposes, you should register for five courses consistent with your typical course load with the understanding that you will likely drop your 5th course if selected for EDU204.
5. Taking the EDU 204 course, it does not necessarily guarantee a peer leader position.
6. Final decision letter will be mailed out on May 10, 2016.

**EDU204 Application Packets materials:**

The application packet for EDU204 consists of a resume (as specified below), a cover letter, and two letters of recommendation.

1. Resume - Your resume should include your employment history and leadership roles on campus and in the community. Additionally, you should identify courses taken in your major. If you are an undeclared student, you should identify your coursework in general.
2. Cover Letter - Your cover letter should address your interest in an EOP Peer Leader position and include what you identify as your academic strengths and why, what you identify as your leadership strengths and why, your knowledge of and any experience with the EOP program and your engagement in the college overall. Lastly, you should address what you hope to learn as a result of the experience.
3. Recommendations - Two letters of recommendation are necessary to complete your application. Recommenders may not include members of the EOP staff (APC's or the Director). One letter must be from a faculty or professional staff member (Hall Director, faculty mentor, Compass staff, etc.). The second letter may be from a person of your choosing.