How to Become a PAL
And join the next generation of UH student leaders!
Welcome!

If you are reading this, you are likely a UH student who had a PAL welcome them to campus in the Fall. However, you still may be unclear on what a PAL actually is, so here's the scoop!

**To start, PAL stands for Peer Academic Leader.**
A peer academic leader is a student leader who receives the unique opportunity of welcoming new students to the UH community.

To accomplish this, PALs hang out at University Honors events, spend time in the classroom, and chat with their students about anything and everything they need as they adjust to college life!
Why Should I Become a PAL?

Great question! There are many reasons.

As a PAL, you are able to connect with new honors terps as a UH community member yourself! As their PAL, you have the power to shape their UH experience and build a legacy within UH! You will interface with them as students in the classroom, guiding their academic and extracurricular pursuits, and as friends, at social events, informal hang-outs, and more.
How Does Being a PAL Improve my Leadership Skills?

PALs are afforded leadership opportunities no other position on campus can offer.

PALs are able to plan lessons and present them to students, sometimes even coordinating an entire class session on their own. Also, PALs are responsible for opening communication channels amongst their students, building relationships, and ensuring the "living" portion of "living-learning community" is brought to life.

Not to mention, you will get to work with an amazing ACP (assistant clinical professor) on the future of UH curriculum!
What About The Time Commitment?

Another great question! Check out the timeline on the next slide for more information.
**Timeline**

### Summer
- Introduce yourself to your students
- Attend orientation and leadership workshops

### Fall Semester
- Attend welcome weekend and UH kickoff
- Attend leadership workshops
- Attend some sessions of Gateway
- Meet with co-PALs and ACPs
- Meet with other members of UH leadership

### Spring Semester
- Meet with UH staff
- Participate in UH week
- Help with PAL recruitment
- Attend signature UH events
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We are *so* happy to have you!
Here Are All The Important Dates:

- **02/08/2022**: PAL Recruitment Video Launches
- **02/16/2022**: Instagram "Ask Me Anything" With Current PALs
- **03/01/2022**: PAL Application Closes
- **04/TBA/2022**: Welcome Meeting (date TBD)
- **08/24/2022-08/26/2022**: PAL Orientation and Leadership Workshops
Where is the Application Again?

For new applicants, click this Google Form Link!

For returning applicants, welcome back! Here is your application.
As a Current PAL, What Advice Can You Give Me?

I thought you'd never ask!

The best advice I can provide is to be authentic and inspired!

We want to get to know who you are, not who you think we are looking for. We want to hear your stories, insights, unique experiences, and motivations! Worrying about what the "right" answer is will not get you far in any application. Overall, the only right answer is an honest one!
Help! I Still Have Questions!

Don't panic! We have you covered.

Feel free to contact Dr. Christine Jones, Dr. Susie Underland, or your own PAL, who is very excited to help you!

Your flexible, fearless, fun, future leaders!
Thanks For Reading!

Best of luck! We cannot wait to read your applications.