



ACADEMIC SUCCESS PROGRAM MENTOR PROGRAM FAQs

The “What,” “Why,” “Who,” and “How” of becoming an ASP Mentor

A+ WHAT do ASP Mentors do?

ASP Mentors are second and third year students who work with small groups of students enrolled in 1L courses. ASP Mentors provide skill-based support and guidance to assist in the mastery of legal doctrines. ASP Mentors do this by facilitating Structured Study Groups, which work together cooperatively.

A+ WHO can be an ASP Mentor?

ASP Mentors must have successfully completed all first year courses for which they are providing support and must be in good academic standing. ASP Mentors must either be eligible to receive Federal Work Study, including as Jeffersonian Scholars.

A+ WHY should I apply to be an ASP Mentor?

ASP Mentors have the unique opportunity to share their own knowledge and skills with other students, who will eventually be their colleagues in the legal profession. This not only contributes to the TJSL community, but also affords ASP Mentors the opportunity to keep their own doctrinal skills and knowledge sharp, in preparation for the bar exam and for practice. ASP Mentors are paid for the time they spend attending training sessions, preparing for Structured Study Group meetings, facilitating group meetings, and providing written feedback on student work.

A+ WHAT is the time commitment?

ASP Mentors must attend training/orientation through the Academic Success department, which will occur during the first week of classes and then periodically throughout the semester. ASP Mentors must prepare for weekly small group meetings and meet weekly with small groups of students in Structured Study Groups, in a two-hour block. ASP Mentors also report regularly to ASP. ASP Mentors have reported spending about 10-12 hours per week.

A+ HOW do I apply?

Applications are available on the TJSL Academic Success page or grab an application from any professor in the Academic Success Program. The application deadline is Friday, January 15th.

Got more questions? We have more answers. Contact Dean Harkins or Professor Bolus in Academic Success, or email Dean Harkins at kharkins@tjisl.edu or Professor Bolus at kbolus@tjisl.edu.