

WCOE FIRST Mentorship Program

Mentor Application

Mission

The FIRST Mentorship Program aims to meaningfully involve incoming freshman and transfer students who are first generation college (FGC) students to improve their retention and success rate in the Whitacre College of Engineering by creating an environment that supports their academic progress, as well as their social, community, and career needs and interests.

About the FIRST Program

FIRST is a community and mentoring program that supports First Generation College (FGC) students through their tenure in the Whitacre College of Engineering. The purpose of this program is to provide resources to succeed in the engineering discipline of their choice. The four main areas of focus are academic support, social/community, career council and financial information.

FIRST provides FGC engineering students with a close knit community to ensure the students know they have access to resources and information for a successful college experience. This program is meant to supplement other Texas Tech University FGC programs by providing engineering specific access and resources, and is not intended to compete.

Mentor Position Information

FIRST mentors help FGC incoming first generation freshman and transfer students become meaningfully active and acclimated to college life through mentorship on a peer-to-peer level. Mentors will serve as a resource to FIRST students in all areas of the college experience. Mentors are expected to commit a minimum of 6 hours a month to the FIRST program

Benefits of Being a Mentor

- Represent the Whitacre College of Engineering and the FIRST Program
- Serve as role model for incoming engineering FGC students
- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Gain experience in problem solving
- Practice resource and time management
- Enhance your résumé
- Gain a rewarding experience
- Meet new people
- \$300 per-semester book scholarship

Qualifications

- Must be a FGC student
- Must be a Junior/Senior
- Must have completed 1+ semesters in the Whitacre College of Engineering
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Exhibit strong interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to be a positive, proactive, and productive team member

Responsibilities

- Serve and represent the Whitacre College of Engineering and FIRST Mentor Program
- Sign a confidentiality agreement and complete FERPA training
- Commit a minimum of 6 participation hours a month to the FIRST Mentor Program, which include
 - Monthly mentor trainings
 - Monthly Socials
 - Regular contact with mentees (at least 1 meeting per month)
- Take part in the mid-year and end of year evaluations of the FIRST Mentor Program.

FIRST Mentor Application

Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial		
Local Street Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
R Number	TTU Email	Semesters at TTU (including current semester)
Major	Current Classification	TTU GPA
Expected Date of Graduation	Cell Number	Gender

List any involvement in organizations and/or community service:

Activity	Position Held	Years of Service

List any honors and/or awards:

Award/Honor	Year(s)

How did you find out about the FIRST Mentorship Program?

- ☐ WCOE Website ☐ On-Campus Advertisement ☐ University Career Center
☐ Facebook ☐ TTU Staff/Faculty ☐ Other _____

What interests you most about being a mentor in the FIRST Mentorship Program?

What was your biggest challenge as a FGC student when starting your engineering education at Texas Tech?

List any additional information you would like us to know.