



Apply now to be a **CASA AZTECA** Academic Mentor Fall 2012



Student Life & Leadership offers a wonderful Academic Mentor opportunity for students. In partnership with Casa Familiar, a community resource center in the San Ysidro area, we have created a commuter program for incoming first-time freshmen students. The program is called Casa Azteca.

What is Casa Azteca?

The goal of Casa Azteca is to assist first time freshmen as they make their transition into San Diego State University. Casa Azteca is a mandatory program for certain students from the San Ysidro, Imperial Beach, Chula Vista, and National City areas. Students will enroll in a Casa Azteca University Seminar course. The Casa Azteca program is designed to help students become academically successful and engaged members of the SDSU community by connecting them with faculty, staff, peers, and student involvement opportunities early in their college career.

What is an Academic Mentor?

First-generation students with successful university backgrounds and Spanish speaking skills are encouraged to apply (but not required). Academic Mentors will provide academic assistance with RWS or Math courses to Casa Azteca students. Mentors will also serve as a role model for students and provide academic advice (Academic advising training will be provided).

We are looking for students who have experience or are seeking experience with community service organizations that impact the quality of lives of our students.

Duties

- Conduct academic assistance sessions to groups comprised of 1-6 students (Range: 12-20 hours per week).
- Record attendance of Casa Azteca students.
- Use interactive learning strategies rather than re-teach or lecture.
- Inform students of study sessions (i.e. in class, email, Facebook, telephone).
- Participate and complete training on Thursday, August 16th from 9am-4pm (lunch provided).
- Provide academic advice to students regarding upcoming semester classes, careers, majors, minors, etc.
- Attend monthly meetings with the Casa Azteca Assistant Coordinator.
- Maintain frequent contact with the Casa Azteca Assistant Coordinator.
- Act as a positive and professional role model.

Qualifications

- Students who are selected to participate must be in good academic standing with an overall minimum of a 2.5 G.P.A.
- Must have earned a B+ or higher in the RWS or Math course.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Experience is preferred but not required.

Academic Mentors will receive:

- Experience organizing and conducting small group academic assistance
- Experience leading and facilitating small group discussions and activities
- Academic Advising experience → Leadership skills
- Community service experience → Mentorship experience
- Communication skills

Salary

\$10.00 per hour

If you are interested in this new and exciting opportunity, complete the attached application and send it along with your résumé to Melissa Gonzalez at mgonzalez@mail.sdsu.edu or deliver to our office by **Monday, July 23, 2012:**

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