First Generation Student Support – Graduate Assistantship (ANTICIPATED opening)
August 2014 – May 2015

Tuition waiver for 9 credits of graduate-level study, Gator Grad Care, and stipend.

At UF, approximately 25% of the incoming first year class are first generation students meaning neither parent has earned a bachelor’s degree. We know that students who are the first in their families to attend college have unique needs, challenges and strengths. Part of this assistantship will include outreach to and support of first generation students at UF and the other part will include supporting and connecting with Alliance Scholars. Alliance Scholars are UF students who attended one of 6 partner high schools in Jacksonville, Orlando, or Miami. Similar to first generation students, Alliance Scholars are at a high risk for not completing college; however, many are with additional outreach and support.

Position responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Support UF’s Alliance Scholars which includes academic tracking, outreach, 1:1 student connection as well as advising the Alliance Ambassadors student organization.

- Develop outreach efforts to support first generation students at UF to include partnering with faculty members, presentations to stakeholders about strategies to support first generation students, peer mentoring and individual outreach to students.

- Collaborate with other university programs that serve first generation students. Departments include Innovation Academy, University Minority Mentoring Program, Office of Academic Support, AIM Program.

- Maintain fresh content for the website as well as social media.

- Based on interest and needs, opportunities to work on special projects such as assessment, program enhancement, assessment, social media, or marketing may arise.

Position preferences:

- Experience working with college students as a mentor, coach, advisor, or teacher.

- Interest in providing support to first-generation and low-income college students.
- Graduate study in a related field such as Higher Education Administration, Family, Youth, and Community Sciences, Education, etc.

- Appreciation for diversity and multiculturalism.

- Interest in and experience working with a team.

- Ability to take initiative and work independently with support.

- Willingness to work nights and weekends but not to exceed 20 hrs/week.

The position is 20 hours per week with occasional after-hour programs or events. The position begins in early-August 2014 and continues through May 2015.

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