Here are several “Frequently Asked Questions” (FAQs) about the Percy E. Sutton Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge (SEEK) Peer Mentoring Program.

What is the SEEK Peer Mentoring Program?
The SEEK Peer Mentoring Program is offered to program participants who submit a mentor or mentee application. SEEK Peer Mentors may provide mentees with degree, career support and academic support.

What are the qualifications for becoming a SEEK Peer Mentor?
The minimum qualifications for becoming a SEEK Peer Mentor are as follows:
• Currently enrolled as a full-time student with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
• Must be in Sophomore standing, with at least 31 credits

In addition to meeting the minimum qualifications, candidates must submit an application, complete an interview process, and have the ability to fulfill the general duties of a SEEK Peer Mentor as described in the application.

Who gets assigned a SEEK Peer Mentor?
Beginning in the Fall 2013, program participants who wish to have a SEEK Peer Mentor will be assigned a mentor as soon as one becomes available.

Can I choose my SEEK Peer Mentor?
No. A Peer Mentor will be assigned to you based on availability and compatibility.*
*Compatibility is derived from indicated interest(s), field of study, and mentor profiles.

Is it mandatory to have a SEEK Peer Mentor throughout my entire time at Hunter College?
No. Beginning in the Fall 2013, only those students who request to have a mentor will be provided one.

How long will I have a SEEK Peer Mentor?
SEEK Peer Mentors will be assigned to a mentee for a full academic year at Hunter College.
Note: Mentorship after the first year cannot be guaranteed as it is based on the availability of the mentor. In the event that your mentor is available for an additional year, mentees may be able to renew their contracts with their mentors.
How often will I see my SEEK Peer Mentor?
Your mentor will be in contact with you at least six (6) times in both Fall and Spring semesters.

Who are the SEEK Peer Mentors?
SEEK Peer Mentors are trained students who are in good academic standing at Hunter College.

What are some of the benefits of having a SEEK Peer Mentor?
A Peer Mentor will be able to provide mentees with personal and academic support.

Having a mentor helps decrease the amount of academic stressors such as new social situations, peer pressure, financial pressures, and different teaching styles. In addition to helping students overcome academic stressors, SEEK Peer Mentors have a rich sense of the Hunter campus and community.

What are some of the advantages of being a SEEK Peer Mentor?
SEEK Peer Mentors have the opportunity to “pay it forward” by sharing their knowledge and experience as a Hunter College students to SEEK participants. In addition to being role models for entering freshmen, SEEK Peer Mentors are involved in community service and are able to expand their personal and professional relationships with first-year students and SEEK Program staff.

Is the SEEK Peer Mentor position a paid position?
No. The SEEK Peer Mentor position is an opportunity for upper-class students to volunteer their time and engage in activities that help perpetuate a sense of community among SEEK students and the diverse culture surrounding Hunter College.

Where can I receive additional information regarding the SEEK Peer Mentoring Program?
If you would like to receive more information about the SEEK Peer Mentoring Program, please email us at seek@hunter.cuny.edu with the words “Peer Mentoring” in the subject line.