

# Camner Center Bridge Program

A PEER MENTORING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



The Camner Center for Academic Resources at the University of Miami offers a multitude of resources for every constituent of the University of Miami community: students, parents, faculty, staff, and administrators. Our goal is to provide resources to help manage success and advance potential.

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## **Mentors**

Mentors should meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Miami.
- Have completed at least two terms/semesters at UM.
- Self-identify as having a disability.
- Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA.
- Good conduct standing with UM Dean of Students & other departments.
- Submit Bridge Program application.
- Complete Bridge Program Interview process.
- Be available to meet with assigned mentee on a monthly basis and attend required trainings & Bridge Program events. (2-3 hrs/month)



## **Mentees**

Mentees should meet the following criteria:

- Be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at the University of Miami.
- Be a first year or transfer student at UM.
- Self-identify as having a disability.
- Submit a Bridge Program application.
- Be available to meet with assigned mentor on a monthly basis and attend required trainings & Bridge Program events. (2-3 hrs./month)



# **Program Details**

### **PURPOSE**

The Bridge Program at the Camner Center will pair first year & transfer students who identify as having a disability with sophomore, junior & senior students with disabilities as mentors & mentees. Through this program they will build connections with others and gain valuable skills for the college setting.

#### **BENEFITS**

Peer mentorship can be a very valuable benefit for students, especially those with disabilities, during the college experience. This program will provide increased social connections across campus, assistance with navigating the college environment, peer support, and leadership opportunities.

### **PROGRAMMING**

Mentors will receive training in coaching, problem-solving, communication skills, and campus resources.

Mentors & mentees will meet at least once per month.

Mentors & mentees will be encouraged to attend the following together each semester:

- Bridge Program Orientation (1 hour)
- Bridge Program Kick-Off Mixer (1 hour)
- 1-2 on campus events (varies)
- 1-2 academic workshops (1 hour)
- Bridge Program End of Year Mixer (1 hour)