



## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

### First Year Program Mentor Description 2021-2022

First Year Program mentors are responsible for helping first year Colorado College students gain a critical awareness of the meanings and possibilities in a liberal education, as well as develop a sense of intellectual identity and educational agency so they can thrive at CC. FYP mentors should be prepared to engage with first year students in a variety of contexts, model behaviors that promote student success, and generally assist students in making the transition to Colorado College. Please note that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, remote mentoring may be required for part of the academic year. In the spirit of Colorado College's COVID protocols, remote mentorship will remain a primary option for those who choose it.

The primary responsibility of the FYP mentor is the mentorship of a small cohort of first year students throughout the duration of the entire academic year. As part of this responsibility, FYP mentors will:

- Participate in the Common Read discussion with mentees as part of New Student Orientation.
- During the CC100/120 period (blocks 1-2, or 5-6), be familiar with the goals and assignments of the first year seminar, as well as work with Writing Center Tutors, Library Staff, and QRC Learning Assistants to ensure first year students have necessary learning support.
- Engage with mentees individually and in small groups to provide guidance, support, and mentorship (approximately 5-10 hours per block).
- Provide ongoing reports on mentoring activities.
- Meet with the Office of Academic Programs staff on a semi-regular basis to discuss how the mentor can enhance and support their mentees.

*Additionally, in order to effectively carry out the position, FYP mentors must:*

- Attend and participate in a multi-day mentor training workshop during New Student Orientation
- Attend regular meetings with Mentor Program Coordinator throughout the academic year. Meetings will be more frequent during the CC100/CC120 period.

#### Required qualifications

- Rising Sophomore, Junior, or Senior
- In good academic and conduct standing with Colorado College, including holding a minimum GPA of 2.75
- Capable of working independently