

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP): A Legacy of Student Success

Program Overview

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at California State University, Fresno has a rich history of student success. The program has a current enrollment of over 1700 students. Students in the program come from first-generation, economically and educationally disadvantaged backgrounds. From receiving academic achievement awards, earning their name on the President and Dean's List, participating in the study abroad program, and volunteering countless hours of community service, EOP students are represented in all phases of campus life.

A critical component of EOP is the Summer Bridge program which is a three-week residential program designed to support the transition of first-time freshmen to the University. Peer Mentors also play a key role in supporting the adjustment of students during Summer Bridge.



PRIDE POINTS

- 85.4% of 1st and 2nd year students meet with their peer mentor at least once a semester.
- 80.2% of 1st and 2nd year students agreed or strongly agreed that their peer mentor helped with their adjustment to college.
- Peer Mentors facilitated 40 workshops on student success topics. A total of 520 visits were logged.
- For their annual volunteer project, Peer Mentors collected and created care packages for the Marjaree Mason Center.

EOP Peer Mentoring

The Peer Mentors are an amazing group of upperclassmen and graduate students who are dedicated to supporting and fostering the development of EOP students. Starting with their freshmen year, structured activities and services are provided to students to ensure a smooth transition and successful adjustment to the university. All first and second year students are assigned a Peer Mentor and are expected to meet their Peer Mentor regularly throughout the duration of the semester.

The Peer Mentors establish a helping relationship with each student, provide resources for a smooth adjustment to the university and work in conjunction with the EOP counselors to ensure students' success at the University. Peer Mentors make sure that each student is meeting the requirements set forth by the program.

