

2026 Rock Orientation Leader Position Description

First Year Experience: Transition • Connection • Integration • Development

Rock Orientation Leaders assist new Rock students with the transition to UW-Whitewater by serving as a role model and guiding students through Warhawk Welcome and their first few weeks on campus.

Benefits & Outcomes

As a Rock Orientation Leader you will practice your leadership skills, professional communication, group facilitation skills, and have the opportunity to work with a diverse population of students and staff. Gain valuable work experience for any major.

Compensation: \$10 per hour with an opportunity to earn about \$400 throughout the fall semester.

Responsibilities:

- Serve as a role model and resource to new students.
- Assist with the fall orientation check-in process.
- Lead a group of Rock County students through fall orientation, Warhawk Welcome.
- Complete all Mentor Program training sessions throughout Summer and August.
- Represent UW-Whitewater and the Office of the First Year Experience in a professional manner and with a positive attitude.
- Adhere to all campus policies and state/federal laws. Failure to abide by University policies and/or state law may be cause for removal from the position. (Conduct checks will be done through the Dean of Students Office and University Housing to ensure you are in good standing, and that you are not on probation for university or residence hall violations.)
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Graduate Assistant for Mentor Programs, the Mentor Program Manager, or other staff members from the Office of the First Year Experience.

Qualifications:

- Full-time student in good University conduct standing, academic standing, and cumulative Whitewater GPA of 2.5 or higher. (Grade checks will be completed each semester)
- Have been a UW-Whitewater student for at least one semester.
- Desire to help new students transition to UW-Whitewater.
- Ability to serve as a positive role model and to be approachable.
- Demonstrated leadership abilities including involvement in extra-curricular activities.
- Ability to balance academics with other responsibilities, involvement, and personal life.
- Possess strong communication skills, pay attention to detail, and is self-motivated.
- Serve as an inclusive leader: one who is welcoming and affirming of all students.

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2026 Required Dates:

Rock Orientation Leaders are required to attend the following trainings and meetings.

- TBD: Mentor Program Pre-Fall Online Training
- August 26-28, all day, mentor program fall training, specific hours TBD
- August 30 – September 1, all day and evening: Warhawk Welcome
- September 2-11: Plan & facilitate 1 activity to help the Rock County students make connections to peers, the campus, and resources. Programs should be done in the first week of the semester.
- Total hours completed is around 40 hours

Selection Process:

Those interested in the Rock Orientation Leader position can anticipate the following selection process:

1. Complete the online Team Transfer application via the FYE website starting January 9, 2026: <https://www.uww.edu/fye/transfer/team-transfer>
 - Applications due by **Monday, February 9, 2026 by 4:30pm.**
2. Have one UW-Whitewater professional reference – name & email. Your reference must be a part of the UW-Whitewater community. This can include a faculty member, professional staff member, a current supervisor for an on-campus position, your Resident Assistant or other hall staff, your Peer Mentor, someone you work with in a student organization, an advisor, etc.
3. Those who meet requirements of the position will be invited to an individual interview.
4. Offers made via email by Thursday, March 19, 2026.
5. Offers must be accepted by Thursday, April 2, 2026.

Questions? Please contact:

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