

SEN Buddy Programme 2015-16

CEDARS – Counselling and Person Enrichment (CoPE) is recruiting buddies to support peers with disabilities / special educational needs (SEN) to adjust to university environment and also to participate fully in university life.

Programme Objectives

- To promote university adjustment and learning of SEN students through a range of practical support provided by the buddies
- To develop positive attitudes and helping skills of the buddies in mutual learning and good communication with SEN students
- To strengthen the value of inclusion and diversity through peer learning communities and support network

What does a Buddy do?

- To familiarize SEN students with campus facilities and learning resources
- To assist them in searching and borrowing books from libraries
- To provide them support in note-taking
- To help them scan and convert academic reading materials into accessible format
- To proofread converted reading materials
- To assist them in completing forms and documents
- To coach them on generic study skills and learning strategies

Note: A buddy can volunteer in one or more than one of the above supporting roles. Provision of these services depends on your interest, strength, and also availability.

Why become a Buddy?

- To build an inclusive university community through your contribution
- To raise your awareness and sensitivity of disability issues
- To enhance your helping and communication skills
- To gain meaningful and rewarding experience in supporting and learning from peers with SEN

As a valued buddy, you will be given relevant training and ongoing support provided by CEDARS-CoPE. CEDARS reward points will be awarded as recognition of your contribution. Please visit CEDARS Reward Scheme for details.

Commitment

Serving as a buddy to SEN students is a continuous commitment. You are required to attend the briefing session in late August 2015, and also regular training / supervision sessions organized by CEDARS-CoPE throughout the academic year.

Eligibility

- Current full-time undergraduate (Year 2 or above) or postgraduate students
- Excellent language and communication skills
- Responsible, patient, and flexible in working with SEN students
- Previous experience in supporting university students and / or students with SEN is an advantage

Application and Selection

To apply, (1) complete the [online application form](#) and (2) send your resume to cedars-SEN@hku.hk by **August 16, 2015**. Suitable applicants will be invited to attend a selection interview. Selection results will be announced by August 31, 2015.