Become a Biomentor

Would you like to become a leader in the UCSB biology community while refreshing your biology knowledge and helping fellow students? If you said yes, then being a Biomentor might be the perfect opportunity for you.

What is Biomentors?
As a Biomentor, you will lead weekly learning sessions with a small group of intro to bio students. Your efforts will make a big difference to your mentees and you will also benefit from reinforcing your biology knowledge, learning how to communicate science effectively, and learning methods for effective studying. As a Biomentor, you qualify for community service hours or 1 unit of MCDB 184. Here’s what past Biomentors had to say:

“Biomentors helped me review materials for the MCAT.”

“I have gained knowledge of how to lead a group... and learned efficient ways to study biology.”

“It was super fun! Having my mentees succeed in class was fulfilling. It was also great review for my classes.”

“I have gained a better understanding of how to teach someone how to learn. In the process, I have learned about how to teach.”

How much of time is required?
Biomentors requires 3 hours per week of your time. You will be meeting with 4-6 students twice a week for an hour. In addition, you will be learning studying techniques and reviewing course materials with faculty members (1 hour/wk). This is also an opportunity for you to get to know the Biology faculty members who teach the intro courses.

Who to contact if you have questions or want to apply:
The online application for Biomentors is available at: https://hhmi.mcdb.ucsb.edu/content/application-be-biomentor

If you have questions, please contact Lynn Griffin at lynn.griffin@lifesci.ucsb.edu or Rolf Christoffersen at rolf.christoffersen@lifesci.ucsb.edu.