

BioTAP Mentor

BioTAP Mentor Roles:

- Help build a community of scholars among BioTAP participants and help maintain a positive group dynamic. Methods for achieving these goals include planning activities (e.g., social gatherings, study groups, outings, intramural teams).
- Actively reach out to BioTAP students to offer academic support, and serve as an academic resource to the students by providing information and advice.
- Attend the BioTAP seminar weekly (fall and spring semesters) and keep seminar attendance records.
- Communicate regularly with the program's faculty coordinator and keep them informed about the status of BioTAP students and the overall program.

BioTAP Mentor Expectations:

- Reside in the assigned BioTAP mentor room in Sycamore House; BioTAP mentor is responsible for applicable room charges for the room to which they are assigned. If the BioTAP member appointment ends during the academic year, they will be expected to move out of the assigned BioTAP mentor room.
- Be in their rooms and available to BioTAP participants for a minimum of 8 hours per week.
- Meet monthly with the Sycamore Residence Director to share information about the hall community and the BioTAP program.
- Communicate and refer any student concerns (transition to campus, roommate conflict, mental health, alleged policy violation, etc.) immediately to a Residential Life staff member (Residence Director or Resident Assistant).
- Return to campus one or two days prior to first-year student move-in to prepare for the arrival of BioTAP students
- Complete university required training on responding to disclosures of sexual misconduct (Title IX on-line module), campus crime reporting (Clery Campus Security Authority on-line module) and Residential Life orientation meeting with a Residence Education staff member.
- Hold at least 3 events in the first 2 weeks of the semester; 1 per month thereafter (can be in combination with Resident Assistant or Peer Mentor).
- Role model appropriate community standards in their personal behavior at all times. BioTAP Mentors are expected to abide by the Code of Student Conduct and Residential Life Community Standards.
- Failure to fulfill roles and expectations of appointment will be reviewed by the BioTAP faculty coordinator who will determine status of appointment.

Supervision:

- BioTAP Mentors will be supervised by Dr. Laura Francis and Dr. Akiko Okusu, the program's faculty coordinators

Qualifications:

Must be a rising senior or a junior and previous member of BioTAP with at least a 3.4 GPA and be in good standing in the Commonwealth Honors College; prefer a creative, academically successful individual who can develop effective BioTAP events and who is attentive to the needs of others. BioTAP mentors must be eligible to reside in a residence hall at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. BioTAP Mentors must be free of student conduct sanctions and uphold the University's *Student Code of Conduct and Residential Life Community Standards* at the time of application and throughout their appointment. At the time of application and prior to the start of each semester, the Biology Department will request a check of BioTAP mentor student conduct histories.

Compensation:

BioTAP Mentors will receive a \$1000 stipend per semester and will receive a single room for the price of a double room in the residence hall where the BioTAP students reside.