Responsibilities for Experiential Orientation

Orientation Leaders

Orientation Leaders (OLs) play an essential role in welcoming new-to-Duke students to campus and creating an inclusive and welcoming Experiential Orientation Project. Orientation Leaders are new students’ first impression of Duke University. They set the tone for what it means to be part of the Duke community and have the opportunity to help an entire class of students get off to the right start. They serve as mentors during Orientation Week with the hope that the relationships created with and impact on new-to-Duke students lasts beyond Orientation Week.

Orientation Leaders represent the university as a whole but are also assigned to a specific Experiential Orientation Project.

Responsibilities of an Orientation Leader Project Director:

- Create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all new-to-Duke students
- Lead vital conversations about campus resources and support during Orientation Week
- Be a positive and supportive role model
- Abide by Duke’s Community Standards
- Be fully present and engaged throughout your Experiential Orientation Project (August 20-25; August 22-25 for Project Transfer)
- Prioritize your Experiential Orientation over other commitments during Orientation Week
- Attend the Orientation Kickoff on April 16, from 1pm-4pm; attend all of Orientation Leader Training from August 14-August 18; and be fully present and engaged on New Student Move-In Day, August 19 (August 22 for Project Transfer)

By serving in this volunteer position, OL’s will receive:

- Experiences and engagements that their projects provide (field trips, excursions, speakers, adventures, etc.)
- Early access move in (if you have an on-campus housing contract for Fall 2023)
- Meals provided during OL Training and Orientation Week
- Project-specific & OL general merch items
- Personal and professional leadership development

Important Dates

- Orientation Kickoff on April 16, 1-4pm
- OL Training 2023: August 14-18
- Move-In Day: August 19 (All First-Year Student Projects)
- August 22 (Project Transfer only)
• Orientation Week 2023: August 20-25 (All First-Year Student Projects)
  August 22-25 (Project Transfer only)