

uni 2 beyond is an innovative and award-winning program that supports people with intellectual disability to experience university life at the University of Sydney.



## ABOUT

Students in the program attend lectures and tutorials of their choice as audit students, and participate in university social life through engagement with their peers. uni 2 beyond works with its students to reach their potential, increasing their capability positively to impact on their ability to make a contribution to society and gain independence.

Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) underpins access to education for people with disability with a human rights framework. Based on this premise, the Centre for Disability Studies (CDS) founded uni 2 beyond in 2012 at the University of Sydney .

## WHAT IS A MENTOR?

uni 2 beyond students receive peer support through matched mentors. A mentor is a trusted peer who provides support and guidance to assist uni 2 beyond students to have a rich and fulfilling experience at the university both academically and socially. Mentor roles are flexible and depend on mentor and mentee interests availability.

## ACADEMIC MENTOR

This role might include:

- ▶ Sitting with the uni 2 beyond student in class.
- ▶ Regularly enquiring how university is going, how is the day going.
- ▶ Assisting in understanding course content through brief discussions before and after class.

## SOCIAL MENTOR?

This role might include:

- ▶ Informing and inviting the mentee to social activities.
- ▶ Facilitating new social connections.
- ▶ Inviting/supporting the uni 2 beyond student to join a club or society .
- ▶ Meeting up every now and then. This could be for coffee, lunch or other activities you both enjoy.

## WHAT WE OFFER

- ▶ Mentor training.
- ▶ Regular social events to meet other mentors and exchange experiences.
- ▶ Guidance and support.
- ▶ Letter of reference upon completion of the mentor role.

## WHAT QUALITIES SHOULD A MENTOR HAVE?

- ▶ A positive attitude
- ▶ Open-mindedness
- ▶ Flexibility
- ▶ Commitment

## FURTHER INFORMATION

[www.cds.org.au/uni-2-beyond](http://www.cds.org.au/uni-2-beyond)

## TO APPLY

Fill out a mentor application form here:

[www.cds.org.au/uni-2-beyond/mentor-application](http://www.cds.org.au/uni-2-beyond/mentor-application)

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