



STUDENT FEES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FY26 ONE TIME REQUEST (I)

The WGRC is seeking a FY26 One Time Request in the amount of \$10,000 for the CORE Student Leadership and Peer Educator Program.

The CORE student ambassador program is an innovative initiative designed to provide students with a comprehensive leadership development experience focused on issues related to relationship and sexual violence. In light of the recent organizational shift that places the prevention work fully under the scope of the WGRC, the CORE program positions students as pivotal contributors in the fight against relationship and sexual violence on campus. By training students as peer educators, we empower them to deliver vital educational content to their fellow students, creating a relatable and impactful method of engagement that resonates with their peers.

By actively involving students in the education and prevention process, we can harness the power of peer influence, making it more likely that their messages will be heard and embraced by their classmates. The CORE program aligns seamlessly with UH strategic initiatives to increase student engagement by fostering an environment where students feel empowered to take charge of their community responsibility.

Additionally, the program supports the initiative to increase retention rates of First Time in College (FTIC) students and retention rates of Pell-eligible FTIC students. A campus culture that prioritizes safety and awareness can significantly impact students' overall satisfaction and success, contributing to their decision to stay enrolled at UH.

To demonstrate our commitment to this initiative, we are seeking one-time funding to launch the CORE student ambassador program, with the opportunity to showcase its success over the course of one academic year. By investing in this program, we not only enhance the capabilities of our student body but also contribute to a broader culture of prevention and education that ultimately supports the university's mission to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students. Through the CORE program, we aim to create lasting change that resonates beyond the classroom, fostering a more engaged, informed, and responsible student community.

Project: CORE Student Leadership and Peer Educator Program

Investment: \$10,600 (Asking amount plus 6% admin fee)

Itemized breakdown estimate: Marketing materials (flyers and yard signs): \$1,000; Recruitment event supplies (food): \$2,000; Promotional items for students: \$2,000; Programming (food and supplies): \$5,000