ACCESS Social Ecology is an innovative retention and peer mentoring program that launched in Fall 2011. This school-based program was designed to assist new students (freshman, transfer) maximize their undergraduate experience at UC Irvine through participation in academic support services, leadership development programs, community-building activities, and service-learning projects. ACCESS Social Ecology offers many benefits to mentees:

*Receive mentorship from a peer.

*Engage in quarterly service-learning and community projects.

*Meet with an academic counselor every quarter to monitor academic progress and create individualized action plans.

*Earn 2 units of Social Ecology 198 (P/NP) each quarter.

*Participate in special workshops on topics such as time management, leadership, campus resources, diversity and social justice issues, and stress management. Meet university administrators who will serve as workshop presenters and facilitators.

WHAT BENEFITS DO I GET AS A MENTOR?

*Earn 4 units of Social Ecology 199 (letter grade) during the 2012-2013 academic year. Please note that you may not petition to count this class towards your major/school requirements.

*Explore educational and career goals, especially for those interested in attending graduate or professional school and/or pursuing a career in public service (i.e., education, law, social work).

*Collaborate with peers under the guidance of professional staff to assist with program development, assessment and evaluation.

*Serve as a positive role model and assist new students with maximizing their full potential.

IF I AM SELECTED, WHAT ARE MY COMMITMENTS TO THIS PROGRAM?

*Be in good academic standing—that is, maintain a 2.0 overall GPA.

*Commit 10 hours per week towards your participation in the ACCESS Social Ecology program.

*Commit to the program for the entire academic year. If you will be studying abroad and/or graduating prior to Spring 2013, you may want to reconsider applying.

*Attend mandatory two-day training from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 12-13, 2012. Your participation is critical to planning Welcome Week and fall quarter programs.

*Attend weekly staff meetings (Tuesdays, 4-6 p.m.) and quarterly one-on-ones with your supervisor.

*Serve as a student ambassador to assist with reaching out to prospective students via e-mail and phone from April 1st through June 1st, 2013. You may be asked to assist with other duties related to the school’s yield campaign.
Be sure to carefully read and answer each question as incomplete applications will not be considered for review. In order to be eligible to apply for a mentor position, you must be a major in the School of Social Ecology and have an overall GPA of at least 2.0. Please attach your resume to your application. Feel free to attach additional sheets if necessary.

Last, First name: _______________________________  Student ID#: _______________________________
UCI e-mail: ________________________________  Major(s): ________________________________
Contact phone number: ________________________________  Overall GPA: ________________________________

What commitments do you have planned for the 2012-2013 academic year? Please list your participation in on- and off-campus activities.

Why are you interested in becoming a mentor in this program? Please share your personal experiences and/or interests that you feel are appropriate and relevant to your suitability to serve as a mentor for new Social Ecology students.

What is the role of a mentor? What qualities do you have that would enable you to develop an effective mentoring relationship with your mentees?

What are your future educational and/or career goals?

Upon receipt of your application, you will be contacted via e-mail to schedule a 15-minute interview. Interviews will take place during Weeks 5 and 6 in the Office of Student Services in 102 Social Ecology I.