



University of Nevada, Las Vegas GEAR UP Abstract 2019-2020

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The UNLV subgrant of the State of Nevada GEAR UP program will use the approved funding to provide direct services to the college cohort of Nevada GEAR UP scholars on the UNLV campus.

The mentor program will continue to provide support and direction from near peers – guided by UNLV administrative faculty – in order to support retention and progression. Students who participate in the program will have regular, direct, personal interaction with their near-peer mentors focusing on topics including time management, adjusting to the culture and dialect of a college campus, and self-care during college. The mentoring program has been designed based on the academic, cultural, and social-emotional needs identified by GEAR UP alumni from the 2018 cohort.

Students will also be provided with opportunities for additional academic and financial aid advising offered by the GEAR UP Ambassador program in order to support their retention and completion. This advising will include monitoring of student enrollment and completion of mandatory First Year Seminar courses; referrals to campus services including the Academic Success Center, Counseling, Psychological Services, and other similar offices; and assistance in navigating financial aid in preparation for the students' 2020-2021 academic year.

The availability to cooperate with the Business Network to provide opportunities for NV GEAR UP students will also be important. The UNLV NV GEAR UP Ambassador will participate in Business Network events.