5 Things You Should Know When Hiring a Tutor

Whether you've scouted your own tutor or received a recommendation from a professor or CFAR, here are a few things you should consider before you jump into a tutoring arrangement.

1. **Know What you Need**

   The more information you have for your possible tutor the better. Make sure you have the course name and number, the professor's name, and a clear sense of what you hope to get out of tutoring. This will help you hire a tutor who is ready and willing to assist you with what you need.

2. **Know What a Tutor Charges**

   Most peer tutors charge around $10/hour ($12-15 for graduate students). Be sure to discuss this rate before you hire someone.

3. **Know How Often You Will Meet**

   For the most effective tutoring, you and your tutor should only be meeting 1-2 hours per week, but how much and how often you meet is something to discuss before hiring. It is best to set up a regular meeting time in a public meeting space.

4. **Know Your Responsibilities**

   For the most effective tutoring sessions, you need to do your reading and homework prior to meeting with your tutor. You role is to lead the tutoring sessions by being prepared with questions for them to answer. Make sure your tutor is there to help you learn, not just give you answers. Make sure YOU demonstrate your understanding of the information they are reviewing with you.

5. **Know That You Can Give Feedback or Walk Away**

   Not every potential tutor will be a good match for your learning style. If you have ideas for how the session could be more productive, share your ideas with your tutor. If you find the tutor confuses more than helps, you can always walk away to find someone else who might serve you better.