



**English Language Programs** is seeking outstanding graduate students to serve as Online Peer Mentors for the ELP Foundations program in Summer Quarter 2024.

[ELP Foundations](#) is a hybrid course for incoming international PhD and MFA students that pairs online instruction in the summer before students arrive on campus with in-person experiences in Evanston and Chicago. ELP Foundations provides linguistic, emotional, academic, and practical support to entering students through an online course on using American English and practical advice on integrating into an American university and the local culture. Students will begin to build their new support network over the summer online and then have the chance to meet their classmates in person once they begin their program coursework.

**Online Peer Mentors:** Through recorded interviews and engagement with the ELP Foundations Canvas course site, Online Peer Mentors share their knowledge about graduate student life, including coursework, research, scholarship, networking, and teaching. Online Peer Mentors can expect to commit 5-8 hours per week to the program when supporting the online course.



### Principal Responsibilities:

*In Spring Quarter  
(May/June)*

- Attend one virtual training meeting with all Online Peer Mentors and ELP Staff.
- Participate in a recorded video interview with ELP Staff on topics related to graduate student life.

*In Summer Quarter (June 17-July 27, plus one day in early August)*

- Respond to students in Canvas each week that the course is in session.
- Host an informal discussion session online each week for one hour with a partner.
- Attend a weekly online staff meeting of 30 minutes while the course is in session.
- Serve as a mock student in two 30-minute language assessment sessions in early August.

### Benefits and Awards

These service opportunities provide mentors and guides with experience in program development, leadership, outreach with international students, and a mentored team environment in which to build varied skills for future employment. A stipend of \$500 will also be provided to mentors at the conclusion of the online program in Summer Quarter. This is an ideal opportunity for those who enjoy event planning, sharing knowledge, creating



opportunities for conversation, developing networks within the student community, enhancing intercultural competence, or welcoming international students to the Northwestern community.

### Eligibility

- PhD or MFA students in good academic standing who will be funded by TGS in Summer Quarter 2024
- Able to devote 5-8 hours per week for ELP Foundations responsibilities during Summer Quarter 2024
- Applicants who are international students should have met The Graduate School's English Proficiency requirement (exceptions may be possible for particularly strong candidates)

### How to Apply:

- Fill out the ELP Summer/Fall Mentoring & Leadership Application:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ELP-mentor-leader-24>
- Application deadline is May 1 at 11:59PM.

**Questions?** Please contact us using the information below:

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### About English Language Programs

Northwestern University brings students and scholars together from around the world to engage in research, graduate studies, and intellectual exchange. [English Language Programs](#) provides English language training, orientation, and testing for international graduate students and scholars, to help them improve their ability to communicate in the classroom and beyond.