



**English Language Programs** is seeking outstanding graduate students to serve as Event Guides or Recorded Interviewees for the ELP Foundations program.

[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.

### **Benefits and Awards**

These short-term service opportunities provide students with opportunities for outreach with international students, sharing knowledge, creating opportunities for conversation, developing networks within the student community, enhancing intercultural competence, and welcoming international students to the Northwestern community. A small supplemental stipend award of \$50-100 is available for students who are selected as Event Guides.

### **Eligibility**

- PhD or MFA students in good academic standing who will be funded by TGS at the time of service.
- Recorded Interviewees must be able to meet in person on the Evanston Campus for 1-2 hours at a time of their choosing.
- Event Guides must be in the Evanston/Chicago area in September and October 2026 and must 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-26>
- Spring application deadline is April 27 at 11:59PM (please contact us at [elp@northwestern.edu](mailto:elp@northwestern.edu) if you would like to be considered for these opportunities after April 27.

**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.