



The [English Development through Guided Exploration \(EDGE\) Program](#) is seeking outstanding graduate students to serve as Graduate Leaders during Fall Quarter 2024. In this program, graduate leaders work in pairs to plan and lead bi-weekly outings for international students in the Chicago/Evanston areas. Outings allow international students to practice chatting in English while learning about American culture and exploring the local community.

Graduate Leaders can expect to commit 3-4 hours to EDGE in Fall Quarter in the weeks when the Kickoff and Closing events are scheduled and 2-6 during the weeks when they lead outings. Graduate Leaders typically have 2-3 weeks during the Fall Quarter when no activities are scheduled. Training and orientation sessions will be held in Summer Quarter: the exact dates will be determined based on the Graduate Leaders' schedules.



Principal Responsibilities

- Attend orientation and planning meetings as needed
- Lead activities and interact with participants at the EDGE Kickoff and closing events
- Develop and lead 3-4 outings with a partner for international PhD and MFA students enrolled in the EDGE program
- Meet with English Language Programs leadership for feedback and guidance on event planning and execution
- During events, create opportunities for conversation, answer student questions, and coordinate all event details
- After events, document attendance and budget details and discuss options for improvement for future events

Benefits and Awards

This is a dynamic, community-oriented experience, with the opportunity to explore Chicago and Evanston while meeting other students. Leadership in EDGE provides Graduate Leaders with skills in program development, budget oversight, leadership, outreach with international students, and a



mentored team environment in which to build varied skills for future employment. This is an ideal opportunity for those who enjoy event planning, creating opportunities for conversation, developing networks within the student community, enhancing intercultural competence, and/or welcoming international students to the Northwestern community. A supplemental stipend award of \$500 will also be provided to Graduate Leaders during Fall Quarter.

Eligibility

- PhD or MFA students in good academic standing who will be funded by The Graduate School in Fall Quarter 2024
- Able to devote 2-6 hours per week for EDGE responsibilities during Fall 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)
- Students must be living in the Evanston or Chicago area during Fall Quarter 2024

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.