

English Language Programs Online Peer Mentors and Event Guides for ELP Foundations

English Language Programs is seeking outstanding graduate students to serve as Online Peer Mentors and Event Guides for the ELP Foundations program in Summer Quarter 2019.

ELP Foundations is a hybrid course that pairs online instruction in the summer before students arrive on campus with in-person experiences in Evanston and Chicago in September. ELP Foundations will provide linguistic, emotional, academic and practical support to entering Northwestern PhD and MFA students through online content 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 in September to explore Chicago together. There are two service positions, and students can apply for one or both concurrently.

Online Peer Mentors: Through recorded interviews and engagement with the TGS 509 Canvas course site, Online Peer Mentors share their knowledge about graduate student life, including coursework, research, scholarship, networking, and teaching. They moderate online discussions and answer student questions through the Canvas course site. Recorded interviews and panels take place in May and June, and online discussion and engagement through Canvas take place between June 24 and July 26, 2019, while the course is in session. Online Peer Mentors can expect to commit 3-4 hours per week to the program when supporting the online course from June 24-July 26, plus 3-4 sessions in May and June for recorded interviews. The course is asynchronous, so online work can be completed at any time during the week.

Event Guides: Graduate students work in teams to lead outings for international students in the Chicago/Evanston area in the first three weeks of September before the start of the quarter. The outings are intended to welcome international students to the community, provide opportunities for conversation practice, and allow students to get to know one another in person. We expect to run 4-5 outings over three weeks. Outings will vary between 3 to 6 hours in length.

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 modest stipend will also be provided to Mentors and Guides at the conclusion of the program in September.

Eligibility

- PhD or MFA students in good academic standing who will be funded by TGS in Summer Quarter 2019
- Students must be in residence on the Evanston or Chicago campuses during Summer Quarter 2019, and must have time to devote to the ELP Foundations during that time.
- Applicants who are international students must have met The Graduate School's English Proficiency requirement.

Who Should Apply

- PhD or MFA students who wish to serve the graduate community through outreach to international students. 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.
- Students who wish to develop skills in leadership, mentorship, and teamwork

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How to Apply:

- Fill out the [online application form](#) for the Online Peer Mentor position and the Event Guide position.
- The deadline to apply to be an online Peer Mentor is **Friday, May 3 at 5:00 PM.**
- Interviews for selected students applying for the Online Peer Mentor will be held in mid-May.. Applications for the Event Guide position will continue to be accepted through July 1. Please contact Julia Moore (jmm@northwestern.edu) with any questions

About English Language Programs

Northwestern University brings students and scholars 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, in order to help them improve their ability to communicate in the classroom and beyond.

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