

Peer Leaders for GEP 101

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Who is a Peer Leader?

A Peer Leader is a student who uses a positive attitude, exemplary academic work, interpersonal skills, and personal experience to assist first-year students in their transition to university life. Peer Leaders pair up with GEP 101 instructors and help educate students on topics including campus involvement, time management, critical thinking, campus resources, the public affairs mission, and more.

What does a Peer Leader do?

- Make a difference in the lives of first-year students
- Partner with a lead GEP 101 instructor
- Help students by answering questions, serving as a resource, and problem-solving
- Assist with class activities and teaching
- Develop positive relationships with students

What are the requirements of becoming a Peer Leader?

- 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Completion of 30 credit hours
- Enrollment in IDS 310, a 1-credit hour course for leadership instruction at no cost to the student
- Completion of Peer Leader training
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong work ethic
- High standards for ethics and integrity
- Respect for the University and its students, faculty, and staff
- Desire to serve others

What are the benefits of becoming a Peer Leader?

- Make a difference in the lives of first-year students
- Obtain numerous skills to highlight a variety of jobs
- Receive GEP101/IDS310 textbooks and Peer Leader apparel
- Earn 1 credit hour for IDS 310, *Leadership Seminar*, each semester of service to a maximum of 3 credits at no cost to the student. IDS 310 is offered on Mondays at 9:05-9:55 a.m. or Tuesdays at 3:30-4:20 p.m.
- Receive 16 hours of university service hours
- Meet other leaders on campus to collaborate on ideas and share resources

How do I become a Peer Leader?

- To find out more information, attend one of our (optional) **information sessions**: see dates and times in table below.
- Complete the **application** and have two references fill out your **reference forms**. You can find the application and the reference forms online at the First-Year Programs website:
MissouriState.edu/FirstYearPrograms/2842.htm
 - Your application and reference forms must be turned in **no later than Wednesday, March 11 at 4 p.m.**
 - Submit via email to TraceyGlaessgen@MissouriState.edu or in person at Meyer Library 116 (Center for Academic Success and Transition).
- **Peer Leader position offers** will be made via e-mail by Thursday, April 2.
- If you are offered a Peer Leader position, you will be required to attend the **Spring Peer Leader Workshop** on Saturday, April 11, 1-4 p.m. If selected, please inform Dr. Glaessgen if schedule conflict.

Important Events for Peer Leader Applicants:

Event	2026 Dates	Location
Information Sessions	Monday, Feb. 9, 12:30-1:15 p.m.	Zoom
Information Sessions	Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2-2:45 p.m.	Zoom
Applications Due	Wednesday, March 11, 4 p.m.	Via email or Meyer Library 116
Reference Forms Due	Wednesday, March 11, 4 p.m.	Submit online
Peer Leader Interviews	Wed. March 25, Thurs. March 26, Fri. March 27, Mon. March 30, Tues. March 31	Zoom
Position Offers made	By Thursday, April 2	Via e-mail
Peer Leader Training	Saturday, April 11, 1-4 p.m.	TBD

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Tracey Glaessgen at 417-836-8343 or email TraceyGlaessgen@MissouriState.edu.