



iLEAD Peer Educators

Connect your peers to campus resources that support success in college.
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Middle Georgia State University Division of Student Affairs

The iLEAD Peer Educator Program consists of 30 Peer Educators who each serve on one of MGA's five campuses. Through this program, Peer Educators provide programming and confidential peer-to-peer mentoring to connect students to resources that increase persistence in college during challenging times. All Peer Educators complete NASPA's Certified Peer Educator Training online plus a one-day training on a Friday in August and ongoing trainings throughout the fall and spring semester.

Each Peer Educator works with a team on their individual campus to plan, promote, and facilitate at least two programs per semester in collaboration with campus departments who provide student support services that impact student persistence and success in college. Focus areas include but are not limited to health and wellness, mental health, diversity, academic mindset and success, and personal development. Peer Educators also attend and assist with campus/university events in order to connect and refer peers to resources. Peer Educators meet regularly with their campus team and the Peer Educator Advisor(s) for their campus.

By serving as a Peer Educator, students develop leadership competencies related to communication, planning, teamwork and collaboration, critical thinking, intercultural fluency, consulting, and interpersonal skills. This program is ideal for any student who wants to build leadership and employability skills, but may be of particular interest to students who are considering careers in counseling, social work, community outreach, higher education and student affairs, teaching, and health education and promotion.

Openings for Fall 2021/Spring 2022

For Fall 2021, we are seeking Peer Educators for each of MGA's physical campuses: Macon (10), Cochran (10), Eastman (5), Warner Robins (3), Dublin (2). Each campus will also have a head Peer Educator who will have additional duties for administering, implementing, and promoting peer education on their particular campus. When applying, students should indicate their interest in being a head Peer Educator. All iLEAD Peer Educators will receive a stipend of \$217.50 for 30 hours of training and service, which is split between the fall and spring semesters. The head iLead Peer Educator would complete an additional 5 hours and would have a stipend of \$253.75.

Qualifications

- Good academic and community standing.
- 2.7 GPA or higher. Applicants who are below the GPA requirement who would like to apply should submit a letter stating their specific situation and provide the name of a faculty or staff member who would support their application to the program.
- Must be a current student who has completed at least one full fall or spring semester in the past year at MGA before the start date of the program.

- Must be registered for classes at MGA for the upcoming fall semester
- Must identify the same primary campus of enrollment and/or residence for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 and must be able to fulfill duties in-person both semesters.
- Demonstrated leadership potential; self-motivated.
- Exhibit strong communication, interpersonal, and helping skills in order to assist their peers with accessing campus resources.
- Interested in working with a diverse student body and learning about other cultures.
- Be willing to complete online self-paced Certified Peer Educator Training by August 6 and participate in a one-day training on Friday, August 20.

Benefits of participating

- Develop leadership and employability skills
- Guide and assist students through college
- Gain meaningful experience related to a variety of career fields
- Develop a strong connection to the institution as well as faculty, staff, and peers

How to Apply

To apply, students complete the application by June 11 for priority consideration.

- [Complete the online application](#) which includes attaching a current resume and brief statement of interest by June 11.
- Applicants will be contacted for a Microsoft Teams interview with the iLEAD Peer Educator Committee in June. Training for the leadership roles begin in July.
- Questions? Email us at leadership@mga.edu.