

# English Language Programs Graduate Leader in the English Development through Guided Exploration (EDGE) Program

The **English Development through Guided Exploration (EDGE) Program** is seeking 8-10 outstanding graduate students to serve as graduate leaders during fall quarter 2017. In this program, graduate leaders work in pairs to plan and lead bi-weekly outings for international students in the Chicago/Evanston areas. The outings are intended to emphasize conversation practice for international students, while creating a forum for exploration of American culture and the surrounding community.

This service opportunity provides graduate leaders with: experience in program development, budget oversight, and leadership, outreach with international students, and a mentored team environment in which to build varied skills for future employment. Graduate leaders can expect to commit 3-4 hours per week to the program during the 4 weeks when they lead outings; the time commitment may be 1-2 hours in other weeks during fall quarter. A training and orientation session will be held in June. Students will have an opportunity to accompany similar outings with international students during the International Summer Institute in August.

## Principal Responsibilities

- Developing and leading bi-weekly outings for groups of 10-15 international PhD and MFA students enrolled in the EDGE program, working under the guidance of English Language Programs Associate Director Erin Leddon and Program Coordinator Brian Hampson.
- Serving as a peer mentor to international PhD and MFA students enrolled in the program-creating opportunities for conversation, and answering student questions.
- Supporting administration of the EDGE program by attending kickoff and closing events, providing documentation for outings (attendance, budget, etc.), and attending orientation and planning meetings as needed.

## Eligibility

- PhD or MFA students in good academic standing.
- Students must be in residence on the Evanston or Chicago campuses during Fall Quarter 2017, and must have time to devote to the EDGE program 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, 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, teamwork, and budget oversight.
- Students looking for a dynamic, community-oriented experience, with the opportunity to explore Chicago and Evanston.

## Application

- Fill out the application form at <https://goo.gl/forms/8oknFsXf672Zdug12>

Applications should be submitted by **5pm on Friday, April 28, 2017**. Interviews for selected students will be held the week of May 8. Please contact Erin Leddon ([e-mcmahon@northwestern.edu](mailto:e-mcmahon@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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