

Become a Psychology Peer Mentor!

Minimum Qualifications

- Psychology or Psychological Science major with Junior or Senior status during the 2026-2027 academic year
- Completed a minimum of 9 units in Psychology coursework (at least 6 units at the U of A)
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative and Psychology GPA
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Highly dependable and punctual
- Ability to commit to the Fall 26 semester to the program
- Able to participate in a **mandatory in-person** training session on **Friday, August 21, 2026** from 9AM-3 PM (lunch provided)

Job Description/Responsibilities

- Assist the Psychology Academic Advisors in mentoring undergraduate Psychology majors
- Assist in development and delivery of class curriculum
 - Co-facilitate/teach 1-hour weekly classes (class times are dependent on schedule) on topics such as fields of Psychology, engagement opportunities, Handshake, resume writing, occupational themes, networking, and campus resources
- Provide accurate and reliable information regarding all of the above topics
- Meet with mentees 3 times outside of class during the semester, about 10 hours a week
- Attend weekly staff meetings Fridays, 10-11:15 in Psychology Building (Room TBD).
- Keep detailed and accurate notes in student files

Benefits

Peer Mentors can:

- Earn 3 credits in Fall 2026 of Psychology practicum credit (PSY 494)
- Receive valuable training and experience working in a University setting
- Learn teaching methods, basic counseling skills (interviewing, reflective listening) as well as skills and competencies necessary to be an effective and knowledgeable peer mentor
- Become more involved with the Psychology Department
- Obtain valuable information to prepare for graduate school in Psychology or other areas of interest

How to Apply

In your application, please include:

- Completed application form on page 2 (including personal statement)
- Résumé detailing relevant educational, employment, and volunteer experience
- One professional reference form completed (see page 2 and 4)

Applicants must also sign up for a 30-minute Zoom interview upon submission of application materials (Melanie will work with you to schedule via email). Interviews will be held April 21-27. As part of the interview, you will need to prepare and conduct a 3-5 minute presentation on how to establish the foundation for a successful mentoring relationship. Your presentation must include a PowerPoint presentation. If you have questions about this presentation, please contact Melanie Lipton at melanielipton@arizona.edu.

Return all of the above-listed information to Melanie Lipton via email melanielipton@arizona.edu.

Deadline for application: 5:00pm, Wednesday, April 8th, 2026

Application Form for Psychology Peer Mentor Position
Psychology Department, The University of Arizona

(Please Print or Type)

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Phone Number: _____ UA email address: _____@arizona.edu

Cumulative GPA: _____ Psychology GPA: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____
Semester/year

Psychology Courses Completed (please mark UA in parenthesis if taken here):

Reference: Please have a professional reference (faculty member, graduate student, or professional in the community) complete the attached reference form. *Please submit the form along with the application no later than April 8th, 2026 at 5 p.m.*

Name and Title	Organization	Phone
1. _____	_____	_____

Résumé: Please attach a résumé detailing relevant educational, employment, and volunteer experience.

Applicant's Personal Statement:

Please answer the following questions in a brief essay.

- Why would you like to be a Peer Mentor?
- What characteristics, skills, and experiences do you possess that would make you an effective Peer Mentor?
- What do you expect to gain from being a Peer Mentor?

By submitting this application, you agree that you will be able to commit to Fall 2026 if selected as a Peer Mentor for the Psychology Advising Office.

I certify that all information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I give the University of Arizona and its authorized agents permission to verify any information contained in this application and to contact all past and present supervisors and references to obtain additional information.

Applicant's Signature

Date

APPLICATION PROCESS/CHECKLIST

Please read the checklist below carefully to ensure that your application is complete.

**** KEEP THIS CHECKLIST ****

_____ Submit completed application including essay, resume, and professional reference no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 8th, 2026.

_____ Letter of recommendation can be emailed separately to melanielipton@arizona.edu
We ask that a faculty member, employer, or community leader write a letter of recommendation.

_____ You will work with Melanie via email to schedule an interview time when you email her your application. Individual interviews take place April 13-21st.

_____ As part of the interview, you will need to ***prepare and conduct a 3-5 minute presentation*** on how to establish the foundation for a successful mentoring relationship. Your presentation must ***include a PowerPoint presentation***. If you have questions about this presentation please contact Melanie Lipton at melanielipton@arizona.edu.

Note: On Thursday, April 23rd, 2026 you will receive an email indicating whether or not you have been selected as a Peer Mentor. *Alternates may be selected

Application and Selection Timeline

Date	Event	Notes
April 8	Peer Mentor Applications Due	Please refer to the instructions for the various ways to turn in your application.
April 13-21	Interviews for Peer Mentor Positions	Interviews will last about 30 minutes. Applicants must prepare a 3-5 minute presentation. Please refer to checklist above for details.
April 23	New Peer Mentor Staff Selection	Announcement of Peer Mentors via email.
April 30	New Peer Mentors' deadline to accept position	Must sign and return appointment letters to Melanie via email 5 pm.
August 21	Mandatory Fall Training	Mandatory training for all Peer Mentors from 9AM-3PM. (lunch included)
Fall 2026	Mandatory weekly Friday Meeting	Fridays from 10-11:15 am (PSY 494-019). Will be scheduled through UAccess.

