

Indiana University
Human Biology Program
UTA Application and Description of
Responsibilities
2017-18

Submit completed application to:

Human Biology Office

Sycamore Hall 046

Undergraduate Teaching Assistants (UTAs) in the Human Biology Program are integral to the success of each core course. Peer instructors will help foster a learning community that insures the mission of the Human Biology Program is achieved. To do this, UTAs will not only serve as a resource for students needing assistance with coursework, but will also serve as experienced mentors who will provide guidance and encouragement to students as they become familiar with the new teaching and learning methods utilized in the Human Biology Program. As a peer instructor who understands the benefits of collaborative learning as well as the student perspective, you will be a valued part of the faculty team and your feedback will be utilized to continuously improve the courses to meet student's needs.

Your specific responsibilities may include:

1. Facilitating in lectures by:

- completing all pre-class readings
- arriving early to help setup
- assisting in active learning exercises

2. Serving as a lab assistant in your assigned section by:

- helping the AI with lab setup before section and clean up after section
- facilitating the lab activities during class
- being fully prepared on the questions/concepts covered in lab

3. Attending a weekly UTA/AI/Professor meeting

4. Providing feedback to the professors by:

- monitoring class comprehension and morale
- sharing your suggestions for improvement
- sitting for each exam the week before it is given to the students

Peer instructors are expected to attend the class to which they are assigned and be available to attend a discussion section.

Name [last, first]: _____

Email: _____

University ID#: _____

Local Address (current): _____

Permanent Address: _____

Local Telephone Number [current]: _____

Current Class Standing: Sophomore Junior Senior

Expected Graduation Date: _____ Area of Concentration: _____

For which HUBI core course are you applying: B 200 B300 B400

Are you currently, or have you ever been an undergraduate peer instructor? YES NO

If, yes, for which course(s) and when?

Course: _____ Semester/Year _____

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Describe any other teaching experiences that you have had:

How does this opportunity fit with your academic and/or career objectives?

Discuss how you think you would be able to enhance the education experiences of the students in the course as their Peer Instructor.

What are your strengths that you feel will be helpful as a Peer Instructor?

What do you hope to gain from the Peer instructor experience?

What are your tentative plans following graduation?

Please include the name/address/email /phone number of two individuals who could address your academic skills and your work ethic. We DO NOT need letters of recommendation from your references.

1) _____

2) _____

IMPORTANT:

Please attach your class schedule for the semester you are making application for and a list of any other significant outside commitments (i.e. employment).

The selected Peer Instructors will enroll in HUBI X 460 Peer Instruction in Human Biology to receive 3 hours of elective credit.

I grant my consent for the reviewers to access my academic record. I have carefully read the eligibility and believe that I qualify to be a Peer Instructor in Human Biology.

Signature

Date