

Guided Study Sessions Student Leader Position

Summary:

The UMD Guided Study Sessions (GSS) program provides academic support to students enrolled in historically difficult courses through regularly scheduled, collaborative review sessions led by peer Student Leaders. Each Student Leader is assigned to a specific course section and instructor. The primary functions of GSS Student Leaders are to attend all lectures for their assigned course; plan and facilitate group study sessions on difficult course concepts; build professional relationships with faculty, students and other GSS staff; assist students in developing transferrable learning and study skills; and support GSS program implementation. The position involves around 8-10 hours of work per week.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Attend assigned content class lectures, take notes, and act as a model student.
- Plan and facilitate two, 50-minute collaborative Guided Study Sessions each week for a total of 22 sessions per semester.
- Prepare handouts, informal quizzes, and other learning aids for GSS sessions.
- Enroll in the 3 credit HESI 318N course (Leadership in Collaborative Learning Groups).
- Maintain contact throughout the semester with the course professor and the GSS Coordinator.
- Attend pre-semester and in-service staff trainings.
- Respect the privacy of student information and performance.
- Promote the GSS program and encourage student attendance.
- Uphold a professional working environment in the classroom and on campus.

Minimum Qualifications:

- An A in the course you wish to support and content competency in that area.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- At least 15 credit hours completed at UMD
- Good interpersonal, organization, and time management skills
- Ability to work with students from diverse backgrounds and with varied skill levels
- A schedule that allows for the time commitment of being a GSS Leader
- Willingness to learn

Preferred Qualifications:

- Knowledge of content-specific study strategies and note-taking skills
- Availability to work with a range of courses and sections

Compensation:

New Leaders earn academic credit for their first semester with the GSS program through the HESI 318N course. After successful completion their first training semester, Leaders who are selected to return are eligible for a stipend of \$1200 for each subsequent semester as a GSS Leader.