

LA Application Survey

New & Returning - As of Fall 23



Welcome to the Learning Assistant Application!

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Learning Assistant (LA). Before we get to your application, we need to know whether this would be the first time working with the LA Program as an LA.

If the upcoming semester will mark your first semester as a learning assistant, you are considered a

New LA.

In the other hand, if you have previously served as an LA in a different semester, you are a

Returning LA.

It's essential to identify your status correctly, as the application process and requirements for New LAs and Returning LAs vary. Please take a moment to indicate your LA status accurately, as this will help us tailor the application process to your specific needs.

Please specify your LA status for the current semester you are applying to.

- I am a **New LA** (*this semester will be my first time*)
- I am a **Returning LA** (*this semester will NOT be my first, I have completed LA Seminar*)
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New LA Application

Welcome to the Learning Assistant Program!

This application is for **New LAs**, eager students who wish to serve as LAs for the first time. As an LA, your commitment and dedication to exceptional teaching at FIU are sincerely appreciated. LAs are esteemed as a powerful presence, amplifying the student voice, providing valuable feedback to faculty, and fostering adaptable, inclusive, and student-centered learning environments.

This application will be one of the first steps of your LA journey. It is designed to provide you with all the necessary information for starting your role as an LA. It includes inquiries about your interests, preferences, and availability. We kindly ask you to review the application thoroughly and provide complete information. We encourage you to submit your application even if you may feel uncertain about your availability or qualifications.

This application is for one specific semester. You must submit additional applications if you are LAing for multiple semesters.

FIU's LA Program has a rich history dating back to 2008 when it began with just 8 LAs in a single physics course. Since then, it has flourished into a vibrant community of over 350 LAs across 11 departments each semester. By being part of this expansive network of students and faculty, you gain numerous opportunities for networking, securing future research assistantships, and obtaining recommendation letters. Moreover, it offers a platform to forge enduring connections that extend beyond graduation. The LA Program is housed in the pre-eminent [STEM Transformation institute](#) and is a sister program to the remarkable [FIUteach program](#). The LA Program works with all departments that have LAs in their courses. The Program is also responsible for training new LAs like yourself through LA Seminar or SMT3931.

LAs primarily work with students **IN CLASS** to facilitate their learning, with some duties outside class. You may have had LAs in your courses facilitating your group work so you know how awesome they are! Typically, New LAs work **7 hours a week** (*mostly in-class*), with a compensation rate of **\$12 per hour**. This translates to **\$1260 for the semester**. To be an official New LA, you will need to take **LA Seminar or SMT3931** and be paid. Please know that

the LA experience could differ between courses so reach out to your professors and inquire about open LA positions for the coming semester. Contacting professors is the best way to secure a position and feel free to contact few of them to increase the likelihood of getting a position. A list of courses that typically have LAs can be found on our website: <http://laprogram.fiu.edu/courses/>. To learn more, check our website at <http://laprogram.fiu.edu>. For any inquiries email laprogram@fiu.edu. At this moment, we are unable to respond to each application and send an update, please don't let this discourage you and apply next semester, we are sorry for this inconvenience. The best update of a future LA position should be addressed to the professor of the course you prefer to LA in. *We are looking forward to your application!*

Returning LA Application

Welcome back to the Learning Assistant Program!

The following application is for **Returning LAs** who are eager to continue their work in the upcoming semester. As an LA, your commitment and dedication to exceptional teaching at FIU are sincerely appreciated. LAs are esteemed as a powerful presence, amplifying the student voice, providing valuable feedback to faculty, and fostering adaptable, inclusive, and student-centered learning environments.

This application is designed to provide you with all the necessary information for continuing your role as an LA. It includes inquiries about your interests, preferences, and availability. We kindly ask you to review the application thoroughly and provide complete information. We encourage you to submit your application even if you may feel uncertain about your availability or qualifications.

This application is for one specific semester. You must submit additional applications if you are LAing for multiple semesters.

Also, please ensure to consult your professor for any necessary clarifications to make the most of your LA experience. Remember, LAs primarily support student learning **IN-CLASS**, with some additional responsibilities outside of class.

Returning LAs work **6 hours per week** (*mostly in-class*), with a compensation rate of **\$14 per hour**. This translates to **\$1260 for the semester**.

Contacting professors is the best way to secure a position. Feel free to contact a few of them to increase the likelihood of getting a position.

A list of courses that typically have LAs can be found on our website: laprogram.fiu.edu/courses (*not all courses might be included*).

The [FIU LA Program](#) has a rich history dating back to 2008 when it began with just 8 LAs in a single physics course. Since then, it has flourished into a vibrant community of over 350 LAs across 11 departments each semester. By being part of this expansive network of students and faculty, you gain numerous opportunities for networking, securing future research assistantships, and obtaining recommendation letters. Moreover, it offers a platform to forge enduring connections that extend beyond graduation. We hope you have already experienced the profound impact of these significant connections. Once again, we express our gratitude for your continued commitment and look forward to reviewing your application. Should you have any questions or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out. To learn more about the LA Program, check our website at laprogram.fiu.edu. For any inquiries email laprogram@fiu.edu.

Note, at this moment, we are unable to respond to each application and send an update, please don't let this discourage you and please apply when you can, we are sorry for this inconvenience. The best update of a future LA position should be addressed by the professor of the course you prefer to LA in.

We are looking forward to your application!

New and Returning LA Application

Let's Start Your Application!



What is your **first name**?



What is your **last name**?



What is your **PID**?



What is your **FIU email**?

What is your **primary phone number**?



What is your **date of birth**?
(enter in the mm/dd/yyyy format)

Are you **under the age of 18**?

- No.
- Yes, I am under 18.

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If you are under 18, please provide **Parental / Guardian Information**.

Additionally, please contact program director, Hagit Kornreich-Leshem (hkornrei@fiu.edu) to ensure all requirements are met.

- Name: _____
- Guardian's Email: _____
- Address: _____
- City / Town: _____
- State: _____
- ZIP code: _____
- Country: _____
- Guardian's Relationship to Applicant:

Please provide your **parent's / guardian's signature** below.

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I am applying to be an LA for the **year**:
(enter the year in the YYYY format)

I am applying to be an LA for the _____ **term**:

▼ Fall ... Summer

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For **how many semesters** have you served as an LA?
(in total, not including Summer)



How many courses are you **currently serving** as an LA?

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Please confirm you verified your information.

- No, I will review it.
- Yes, I my information is correct.

Based on your responses, you are currently serving as an LA for course(s).

In the upcoming section, we kindly request you provide information regarding the course(s) you

are currently serving as an LA at the time of this application.

For Course #

What is the name of the course? *Please select "other" if the course is not listed.*

Course #

▼ ARC5554L --- Structures 2 Lab ... Other course that is not listed

Who is teaching this course? *Please select "other" as an option if the instructor is not listed.*

Instructor of Course

▼ Aaron Welch ... Other instructor that is not listed

Which courses would you prefer to serve as a learning assistant for in?

Please indicate your **top choice**.

First Course Choice

▼ ARC5554L --- Structures 2 Lab ... Other course that is not listed

Please indicate your **second choice**.

Second Course Choice

▼ ARC5554L --- Structures 2 Lab ... Other course that is not listed

Please indicate your **third choice**.

Third Course Choice

▼ ARC5554L --- Structures 2 Lab ... Other course that is not listed

If you selected "Other" for any of your course preferences, fill in the course code and the name of the course below.

Otherwise, please continue to the next section.

"Other" Top Course _____

"Other" Second Course _____

"Other" Third Course _____

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Are there specific instructors you would like to LA for?

Fill in the full name of any instructor that comes to mind.

Instructor A: _____

Instructor B: _____

Instructor C: _____

Please select your **top discipline** where you would like to serve as a learning assistant.

Top Discipline:

▼ Architecture ... Other

Please select an **alternative discipline** where you would also like to serve as a learning assistant.

Alternative Discipline:

▼ Architecture ... Other

What is your **current academic level**?

- Freshman** (0-29 earned credit hours)
 - Sophomore** (30-59 credit hours)
 - Junior** (60-89 credit hours)
 - Senior** (90-120 credit hours)
 - Super Senior** (> 120 credit hours)
 - Post-Bac**
 - Graduate Student**
 - Other** (please specify) _____
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Major What is/are your **major(s)**?

- Major #1 _____
 - Major #2 _____
 - Major #3 _____
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I expect to graduate in the **year**:
(enter the year in the YYYY format)

I expect to graduate in the _____ **term**:

▼ Fall ... Summer



What is your current **cumulative GPA**?

Please provide a number between 0.00 and 4.00.

Note, this question is for our own records. Your LA Position **IS NOT** determined based on your GPA.



What **letter grade** did you receive in the LA Seminar course?

Which **field** are you most likely to pursue a career in?

▼ Medicine (e.g. Doctor, Dentist, Veterinarian), Health (e.g. Nursing, Pharmacy) ... Non-Science field (e.g. Business, Marketing, etc.)

Are you be interested in receiving information about **graduating with a STEM degree and a K-12 teaching certificate**?

If yes, we will connect you directly with our sister program [FIUteach](#).

Yes, I am interested.

No.

List courses you have taken that might be relevant to your LA preferences.
You may list up to 5 courses.

	Course Code <i>(e.g., BCH 3033)</i>	Professor <i>(e.g., Dr. Rodriguez Mora)</i>	Letter Grade <i>(e.g., B+)</i>
Previous Course #1:			
Previous Course #2:			
Previous Course #3:			
Previous Course #4:			
Previous Course #5:			

Why do you want to join the LA Program and become a **learning assistant**?

Why do you want to rejoin the LA Program and continue your role as **learning assistant**?

Please use this space to **write anything else that you'd like to say** relating to this position or yourself.

For the following section, please reflect on your experiences as part of the LA program.

What worked well for you?

What didn't work well?

*Please help us improve the program with specific suggestions.
We truly value and review your input.*

How did working as an LA impacted you **professionally**?

How did working as an LA impacted you **personally**?

How likely are you to recommend the FIU LA Program to a friend or colleague?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10

New LAs are expected to make the following commitments:

LA Seminar

Take the weekly 1 credit, 2-hour Science/Math Education Seminar (aka 'the LA Seminar'). You can pick one of the following sections: Mondays 2:00 PM- 3:50 PM, Tuesdays or Wednesdays 4:00 PM - 5:50 PM, or Friday 9:00 AM -10:50 AM.

Planning Meeting with Faculty

Participate in a planning meeting with a faculty mentor (1-2 hrs/week)

Other assignments

As assigned by the professor (e.g. exam reviews, outside sessions, etc.)

Total time commitment

Typically, 7 hours/week, depending on the course, (Including the LA Seminar)

Please take into consideration the following when planning to take on an LA position:

New LAs are not allowed to work in more than one course. Returning LAs requesting to work in two courses need to be approved by both the professors and the LA Program and commit to participating in all activities in both courses, including both weekly planning meetings.

HR (human resources) rarely let students exceed working 20 hours/semester on any jobs on campus. Working as a Learning Assistant will fit best into semesters in which you take less than 15 credits. Please don't over commit yourself, you can always apply next semester.

Are you prepared to make these time commitments if you are accepted as an LA?

Yes, I am prepared and proudly commit.

No.

As a Returning LA, you have the option of enrolling in an internship course!

The FIU LA Program provides paid positions for undergraduates that are similar to internships. Eligible LAs can request to enroll in an internship course that will be listed on their transcript as a zero-credit course, SMT4946 (Learning Assistant Internship)

No additional fees are required to enroll in this course.

An eligible learning assistant: worked as an LA for at least 1 semester currently works as a full-time, paid LA completed LA seminar successfully (with an A) actively participated in weekly planning meetings with faculty showed up to every class on time spent most of the class time interacting with students and engaging them in meaningful learning.

Additionally, faculty must be very satisfied with the work of potential interns and recommend their enrollment to the internship.

If you are interested in learning more, please go to the [LA Program website](#).

Have you previously heard about this opportunity?

- Yes, I knew about the LA Internship opportunity
- No, I did not know about the LA Internship opportunity

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The Learning Assistants Program at Florida International University has the sole responsibility for selecting continuing participants based on the criteria set forth in the program description. For more information, contact the LA Program at laprogram@fiu.edu.

It is strongly recommended to contact the course instructor (at least half a semester ahead of time) to express your interest in an LA position.

Please keep in mind:

FIU student employees cannot work over 20 hours per week on campus in total.

FIU student employees are required to take a minimum of 6 credit hours. All FIU employees must be eligible to work in the U.S. (i.e., have a valid SSN).

Not all applicants will be selected as program participants. Among qualified applicants, the selection will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, or disability. If selected to continue in the FIU Learning Assistant Program, the student / LA authorizes the release of videotape, audiotape, photographs, questionnaire responses, or any other materials for use in research publications or program materials. Also, if selected to participate, the student / LA agrees to participate in program activities and research, attend project meetings, complete program-related assessments, and maintain email or telephone communication with project researchers and staff.

Falsification of information may result in termination of participation in the FIU Learning Assistant Program.

- I have read and **do not accept** the statement above.
- I have read and **accept** the statement above. I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of the information I have given on this form.

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Finally, in order for your application to be considered and processed internally, you also have to apply through FIU Careers (*Prospective Employee*).

Please visit careers.fiu.edu and apply using the following Job ID.

Job ID: 528854

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