



Graduate Assistant Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) Program – Fall 2026

Background

The [Peer Assisted Study Session \(PASS\) Program](#), formerly called Supplemental Instruction (SI), was designed by researchers in the Center for Academic Development at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Supplemental Instruction (SI) is an embedded peer tutoring program that thousands of colleges and universities use worldwide. Students who have performed well in traditionally difficult courses are nominated by faculty members who teach the courses to be leaders of study groups. Leaders are paired with an instructor and paid to attend all class sessions, two or three study sessions immediately following the class each week, and preparation time.

The student employee models behavior that translates to success in the classroom, working with students who voluntarily attend study sessions, generating relevant discussions, and creating worksheets and test questions that empower students when encountering complex material. Leaders participate in extensive training the week before classes begin each semester.

Duties

The graduate assistant (GA) role would be to serve as an assistant director of this program. The GA duties would include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Assist the Coordinator of Supplemental Instruction with the supervision and training of PASS Leaders.
- Evaluate PASS performance.
- Write reports and collect relevant data regarding the effectiveness of the program.
- Schedule future courses.
- Assist with the interviewing and selection of new Course Mentors.
- Attend the initial training conference the week before class starts.

Preferred Qualifications

- **A bachelor's degree in education or a STEM field.**
- The ability to tutor diverse populations.
- Personal qualities that facilitate working relationships within the University.
- Superior standard edited English and public speaking skills.
- [Check your eligibility here.](#)

Length of Appointment

The PASS Program's graduate assistant is employed on a one-year appointment with a chance of renewal for a second year and works during the fall and spring semesters.

Application Procedure

Submit the following documents in PDF or Word format:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- [Graduate Assistant Application](#)

Materials will be accepted until the position is filled.

Send application materials to:

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