OVERVIEW

The ARCOS Peer Academic Leadership (PAL) program offers undergraduate students the opportunity to participate in a rich leadership and mentoring experience. Along with attending courses in their STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and math) academic pathway, students become vital members of the community at Miami Dade College (MDC), Wolfson Campus. Peer Academic Leaders (PALs) play an instrumental role in the success of the ARCOS program since they contribute to the creation of positive peer connections and support academic achievement. This is accomplished through their participation in diverse roles, including tutoring or sharing best study skills practices at the STEM Student Success Center, leading Peer-led Team Learning sessions, conducting exam reviews under the guidance of faculty, and/or serving as assistants to instructors in specialized courses.

PARTICIPANT’S MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

Selected candidates are required to fulfill the following:

- Meet with their Project Coordinator on a monthly basis.
- Serve as an academic and social role model for students who participate in the ARCOS program.
- Become knowledgeable of campus resources and share these resources with peers.
- Attend at least two ARCOS workshops every fall and spring term.
- Regularly promote ARCOS events, services, and opportunities to students.
- Complete the PAL participation sheet as requested by the Program Coordinator.
- Complete PAL development trainings.
- Follow program rules and procedures.
- Fulfill assigned academic responsibilities in a dependable and professional manner.

ELIGIBILITY

PAL applicants must meet the following requirements to be considered:

- Enrolled at MDC Wolfson Campus for a minimum of six credit hours for both fall and spring terms.
- Have a declared STEM (science, technology, engineering, or math) related major or academic pathway.
- Completion of the following courses with a grade of B or better: MAC2311 and CHM1045 or MAC2311 and PHY2048.
- Minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 and a math/science GPA of 3.5.
- Be in good academic standing.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The following application documents must be received as a package by no later than Aug. 17, 2020:

- Peer Academic Leader Application Form
- 400-800 word-processed essay addressing the questions provided in application form
- Peer Academic Leader Reference Form (from an MDC math or science faculty)
- Copy of unofficial transcripts (may be obtained from MyMDC student portal)
- Copy of fall semester course schedule

Submit Documents to: ARCOS, MDC-Wolfson; E-mail: arcos@mdc.edu; Phone: (305) 237-7820
**Miami Dade College – Wolfson Campus**  
**ARCOS Program**  
**Peer Academic Leaders (PAL) Program Application 2020**

**PLEASE TYPE AND PRINT**

**Part A: Personal Information**

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<th>Will you be enrolling at MDC Wolfson campus during? (check all that apply)</th>
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**Part B: Academics and Experience**

What grades did you receive in the following courses? Fill in the letter grade received below.

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Did you take the American Chemical Society (ACS) National Examination for any of your Chemistry courses?  
□ Yes □ No If yes, list course name and score (if available)?

Do you have tutoring experience?  
□ Yes □ No If yes, please list location and dates

Please list any leadership opportunities you have participated in:

**Part C: Preferences and Availability**

List days and hours of availability during the fall term.

□ Mon __________ □ Tues __________ □ Wed __________ □ Thurs __________ □ Fri __________ □ Don’t know yet

**Part D: About the Applicant**

Attached to this application, submit a 400-800 word-processed essay addressing the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in becoming a Peer Academic Leader?  
2. What qualities, skills, or experiences do you have that can contribute to promoting academic success among your MDC peers?  
3. How will you apply your skills and qualities to motivate students on a virtual platform?  
4. What do you expect to gain out of this experience?

By signing below, I attest the information provided in this application is true and represents by abilities to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the ARCOS Program to verify my academic standing.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Return to Julia Moshou, ARCOS project coordinator.  
Via email at jmoshou@mdc.edu Phone: (305) 237-7820