Registration Policies for Students interested in the Biology LA Program

1. Second-semester freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior undergraduate students may be learning assistants (LA) for the biology department. They must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 to be considered for this position.

2. While there is not a formal application process; interested students need to ask the professor for whom they wish to LA in their class, about a potential LA position.

3. All first-time LAs must take Bio 3110- the pedagogy course during their first semester as an LA. This course is a one-time requirement for which they will receive an upper-level biology credit. They must also take Bio 3111- prep for pedagogy during the same semester (another upper-level biology credit).

4. Students cannot be an LA for multiple professors, covering different courses, during the same semester.

5. After two semesters, students can continue to LA and will pick one of two options:

   A. Option 1: register for the course; however, it will NOT count towards upper-level bio credits or upper-level electives on their BIO degree plan; the credit will be reflected as general elective hours on their degree audit. The student must fill out the registration petition as well as the degree audit. These filled out forms must be sent to Dr. Mojgan Parizi-Robinson.

   B. Option 2: get paid $10/hour for up to 6 hours of work maximum per week which will include their peer-to-peer teaching in class, preparation outside of class (including office hours) and weekly meetings with their professor for whom they LA. Additional time will be considered volunteer service hours.

NOTE: if students have any type of financial aid package, this paid position may affect/change or complicate their financial aid status. So please take this into consideration before choosing option 2. Students: it is your responsibility to contact the financial aid office and speak to your financial aid advisor to determine if this pay will affect your financial aid package.