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 <u>cannot</u> 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 <u>general elective hours on their degree audit.</u> 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.*

      <u>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.</u>