

# THE LEADERSHIP LOOP

Keeping Leadership Majors & ACE  
Minors in the loop!

11/06/2025



## Crystal's Corner



Hello everyone! Happy Homecoming Week! If you are a Main Campus student, I hope you have enjoyed some of the special events on campus this week. There is still time to go to the football game on Saturday at 1:30! If you live outside of Tucson, watch the game on TV! For those of you who do plan to attend, make sure you stop by the College of Education Homecoming Tent at the Tailgate on the mall! Thanks in advance for showing your school spirit! Have a great weekend! Bear down!

*-Crystal*

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College of Education, Room 201

Schedule an appointment [here](#)

Visit our website [here](#) and add us  
on social media!





# Events on Campus



## Homecoming!

Saturday, Nov. 8

U of A Mall

Wildcat for Life Tailgate: 10:30am

Kickoff: 1:30pm

Visit our College of Education section in the big Wildcat for Life tent on the mall to connect with alumni, spin the prize wheel, snap fun photos with a giant frame, grab water and treats for your furry friends, and nominate a teacher who made a meaningful impact on your life!

## Student & Alumni Spotlight



**Jasmine Greer** is receiving internship credit this semester as a volunteer coordinator at Literacy Connects, a local nonprofit that houses many literacy programs in Tucson. Jasmine's responsibilities include overseeing the volunteers who participate in Reading Seed, a program that pairs adults to read with students in local schools. Jasmine chose the Learning and Leadership Innovation Major to learn leadership qualities that could help her advocate for people in educational spaces beyond the classroom. After graduation, Jasmine hopes to work as a program coordinator or manager in a non-profit setting.

**Taís Jimenez (class of 2020)** is a program coordinator for the Youth On Their Own alumni program in Tucson, Arizona. As part of her responsibilities, Taís provides basic support and college/career pathway guidance for 17 to 25-year-olds who have graduated from the Youth On Their Own program. Taís is passionate about helping young people make the transition into adulthood. Taís appreciated the flexibility of the Leadership Major and the opportunity to learn about many different areas of education. "I don't think I could have found a major that fit me better."





## Undergraduate Research Opportunities

# UROC YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMS

## UROC-Prep

<https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/uroc-prep>



UROC-Prep, funded by the University of Arizona Graduate College, provides participants with year-round research training and graduate school preparation. The program begins in spring, includes a 10-week summer research experience, and a fall grad school prep course.

**Application Deadline:** November 16th

**Contact:** Karla Smith, [karlasmith@arizona.edu](mailto:karlasmith@arizona.edu)

## AWARDSS-PLUS

<https://sites.google.com/email.arizona.edu/awardssmain>



The Access, Wellness, and Relational Determinants of School Success (AWARDSS)-PLUS training program at the University of Arizona, is designed to provide upper-level undergraduate students, recent graduates, and masters students with experiences in conducting educational research while preparing participants for doctoral study. The training program includes faculty, students, and recent alumni from the University of Arizona's main campus and its partner, the College of Applied Science and Technology at the University of Arizona.

**Application Deadline:** November 16th

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## McNair Scholars Program

<https://bit.ly/uoc-ronald-e-mcnair>



We're on a mission to transform academia. A prestigious, federally funded TRiO program, McNair empowers visionary students who have experienced barriers in higher education, like being first-generation and low-income, to thrive in graduate school through transformative mentorship and rigorous academic support. During their Junior and Senior years at the University of Arizona, McNair Scholars conduct mentor-guided research, present at national conferences, and build community with other burgeoning academic leaders.

**Application Deadline:** November 16th

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# MCNAIR AT U OF A

## McNair Scholars...



*leverage their unique  
lenses to create a more  
just academia*



*conduct cutting-edge,  
interdisciplinary research*



*matriculate into top  
graduate programs*

### Eligibility

Sophomore with a  
3.0 GPA

First generation  
college and low  
income student  
(FGLI) or  
underrepresented  
in graduate  
education

U.S. Citizen or  
permanent  
resident

## Two-Year Timeline

### *Sophomore Year*

**Envision:** Application,  
Decision, Research Design  
Course (Spring Semester)

### *First Summer*

**UROC Research Experience  
at U of A**

### *Junior Year*

**Practice:** Dive deep into  
graduate school research  
and preparation.

*Second Summer*  
**Research Experience  
Elsewhere**

### *Senior Year*

**Launch:** Graduate  
Preparation Course,  
application, acceptances

## Program Contacts

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## Priority Deadline:

**Nov. 16**



The Ronald E. McNair Achievement program is sponsored  
through a federal grant (#P217A220105) through the US  
Department of Education, Federal TRIO Programs.

## **New Internship Opportunities!**



### **AdvoCats Applications Now Open for Spring-Summer 2026**

**The Sonoran Center for Excellence in Disabilities is still accepting applications for this year's AdvoCats Program. The program gives students the opportunity to inspire change by promoting diversity and inclusion in Arizona's workplaces. Through experiential learning, students gain skills to support youth with disabilities as they prepare for competitive, integrated employment.**

**Apply online by November 7  
Online Application**

**Students from any discipline are welcome to apply.**

**For more information, contact Kelsey Montañó at [kmontano1@arizona.edu](mailto:kmontano1@arizona.edu)**



**Looking for an internship?  
Love working with people?**

# **BECOME A**



**project F O C U S**

# **PEER MENTOR**

**What do peer mentors do?**

Work with students (ages 18-21) who have developmental/intellectual disabilities.

Support students as they navigate classes, community-based internships, and campus social life.

Learn valuable skills working with students with the support from Project Focus teachers.

**SCAN TO APPLY!**



# Resources

## Academic Skills Workshop with Think Tank

Free weekly workshops hosted by Think Tank  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 4pm  
Bear Down Room 266  
Click [here](#) to register



Student Union Memorial Center, Sonora Room  
Academic Year Hours: (starting Aug. 25th)  
Tuesday 3-6 PM  
Wednesday 12-3 PM  
Friday 12-3 PM  
Click [here](#) for more information



## Campus Closet

Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the student union  
Tuesday from 3-6 PM  
Friday from 12-3 PM  
Click [here](#) for more information



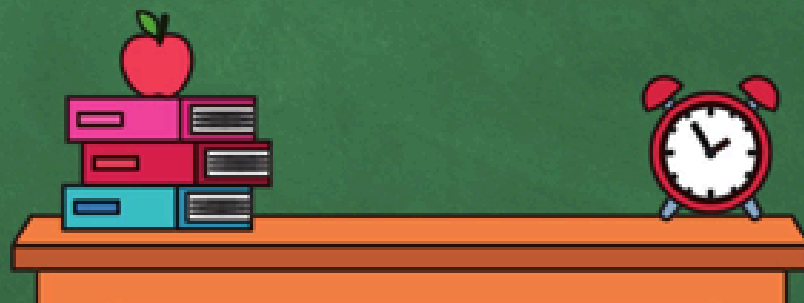


# Interested in applying to Graduate School in the field of education but don't know where to start?

Enroll in our 1-unit TLS 495-001 course (Thursdays 4:00-4:50pm) in EDUC 310 for Spring 2026 to guide you through the process.

As part of the course, you will:

1. Find programs of interest (fit & match)
2. Learn about funding options
3. Learn from faculty who evaluate graduate school applications
4. Learn about the application process and finish the semester with a completed graduate school application to the program of your choice

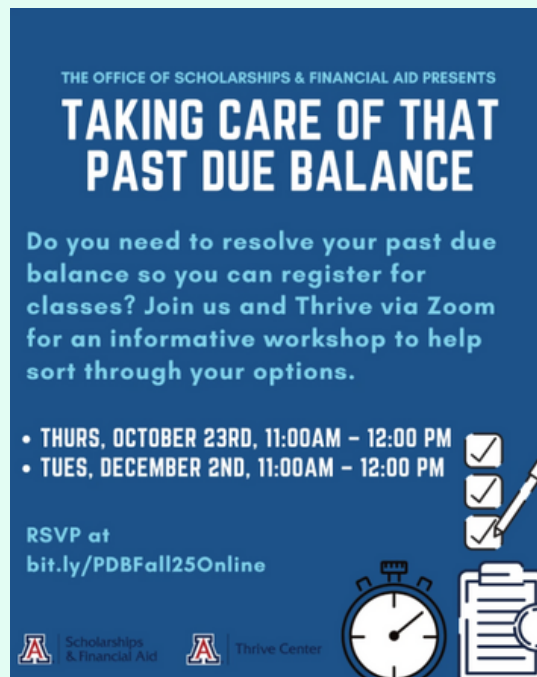




## HACU Scholarship Opportunities

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) is proud to connect students with scholarships funded by our corporate, federal or nonprofit partners. These scholarships can help pay for tuition, books, fees, and other college costs. Awards and requirements vary by scholarship. Whether just starting a college journey or continuing it, HACU is here to support students every step of the way.

The Spring 2026 applications are now open! Please review eligibility criteria and start applying today!  
<https://hacu.net/programs/hacu-scholarship-program/>



### Need to resolve your past due balance to register for classes?

Join us and Thrive for an online workshop to help you explore your options and get back on track.

Tues., Dec. 2nd | 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom

RSVP

Learn more here: [Taking Care of Past Due Balance](#)