UNITED STATES ARMY AEROMEDICAL RESEARCH LABORATORY

GEMS NEAR-PEER MENTORS

GEMS (GAINS IN THE EDUCATION OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE) IS A SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT ENGAGES SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS IN HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTS AND BROADENS THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT STEM CAREERS. NEAR-PEER MENTORS TEACH THE EXPERIMENTS, SERVE AS ROLE MODELS, AND ACT AS RESOURCES CONCERNING COLLEGE LIFE AND CAREER PATHWAYS.

WHO CAN APPLY TO BE A NEAR-DEER MENTOR?

CURRENT 11TH GRADERS, 12TH GRADERS, AND COLLEGE STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A STEM- OR EDUCATION-RELATED DEGREE PROGRAM

WHEN IS THE NEAR-PEER MENTOR PROGRAM?

MAY 27, 2025 - JULY 14, 2025 MONDAY - FRIDAY 7:30AM - 4:30PM

WHAT ARE THE NEAR-MENTOR APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?

A COMPLETED ONLINE APPLICATION INCLUDING ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS, RÉSUMÉ, AND TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2025





LOADING AWESOMENESS









TOPICS TAUGHT BY NEAR-PEER MENTORS IN 2025:



Simple Machines (4th & 5th Graders) Exploration of basic engineering techniques to build, test, and evaluate simple machines.



Forensics (6th & 7th Graders)
Investigation of problem solving,
engineering, physics/force of motion,
and forensics techniques.



Robotics (8th & 9th Graders)
Building and programming robots to maneuver and conquer different tasks using VEX engineering, design, and programming.



Medical (10th & 11th Graders) Investigation of the physiology of various human organ systems and exploration of various healthcare professions.

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