Spring 2019 AR*AC*PNP New Mentor Application

Thank you for your interest in becoming a mentor! Each semester, we recruit 125-150 new America Reads*America Counts*Partners in Print Mentors to provide literacy and math support to children and families in Prince George's County.

Application deadline: Sunday, February 3 EXTENDED DEADLINE!

Once we receive your application, you will be invited to sign up for a 30-minute interview slot. Interviews will be held by appointment during November and December 2018 and during the first week of class in Spring 2019.

Questions? Email us at arac@umd.edu or call (301) 314 - READ (7323).

America Reads*America Counts affirms its commitment to a policy of prohibiting discrimination on the basis of Race, Color, Creed, Sex (including sexual harassment), Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, Marital Status, Personal Appearance, Age, National Origin, Political Affiliation, and/or the exercise of rights secured by the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

About America Reads*America Counts Programs

The mission of America Reads*America Counts*Partners in Print (AR*AC*PNP), a partnership between the University of Maryland and Prince George's County Public Schools, is to provide high quality mentoring in local schools that enriches learning opportunities for both college and elementary school students. The AR*AC office is home to three different mentoring programs:

America Reads: Mentors work one-on-one with 1st and 2nd grade students who are struggling with reading.

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m or 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Monday-Thursday

America Reads mentors must be available for at least 3 hours at a time during this time block, and be able to work a minimum of 6 hours a week on 2 different days. The time block includes travel time; transportation options differ for each elementary school and include the UM shuttle, personal vehicles, or AR*AC*PNP vans.

America Counts: Mentors work with small groups of 4th graders who are struggling with math.

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday

America Counts mentors must be available for the entire 2-5 p.m. time block. Preference will be given to those who can commit to 2 days a week with a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. We do not mentor in these schools on Fridays. The time block includes transportation to and from the schools; transportation is provided by AR*AC*PNP.

Partners in Print: Mentors conduct workshops with parents and their Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade children. The purpose of these workshops is to help parents develop skills to engage their children in reading at home.

Time: 5:15 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday

Mentors must be available for the entire 5:15-8:30 p.m. time block and preference will be given to students who are available at least 2 days each week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule. The time block includes transportation to and from the schools; transportation is provided by AR*AC*PNP. Workshops are conducted in English and Spanish.

Mentor Responsibilities:

All new mentors are required to attend an Orientation, Primary Training, and Debrief session over the course of the semester to develop and further improve their mentoring and leadership skills and to learn more about and discuss experiences in the schools and larger community.

Time Commitment:

Each Mentor's schedule will depend on his/her availability. Each mentor will need to commit to a minimum of six hours consisting of at least two 3-hour time blocks. However, once a schedule is set, mentors will need to commit to that same weekly schedule for the entire semester.

Qualifications:

Prior tutoring experience is not necessary and all majors are welcome to apply! The basic and most important qualifications are as follows. All Mentors must:

Be enrolled at the University of Maryland, College Park.
Be committed to making a difference in the lives of young children.
Be reliable and responsible.
Be able to commit to working a set weekly schedule for the entire semester.

What are the three ways that UMD students can participate in AR*AC?

1. Volunteer

We welcome any and all volunteers, as long as you are able to commit to all of the minimum program requirements (including attendance at training sessions and sticking to a weekly mentoring schedule for a full semester).

2. Federal Work Study Employment
Paid federal work study positions start at $10.25 an hour. For information about your financial aid package, visit http://www.testudo.umd.edu and click on Financials. To check if you have Federal Work Study, click on My Awards. If you have not been awarded Federal Work Study, but have an unmet need (which can be found under My Budget), you can then apply for Federal Work Study at http://www.financialaid.umd.edu. Call the Financial Aid Office at 301-314-9000 for more information. You MUST have an FWS award in order to get paid for your work with AR*AC.

3. Internship/Academic Credit


This course will focus on education policy, including discussion of public school funding, the achievement gap, education reform legislation and its impact on schools, standardized testing, and leadership in an educational context. This is an online course. You must be able to mentor 2 days a week to be eligible.

b. Internship (as part of an academic department or class)

In the past, students have chosen AR*AC as an internship site as a part the following courses or programs: Family Science Dept., College Park Scholars Program, Invenists Program, American Studies Dept., Behavioral & Social Sciences (BSOS) Internship Program, History Dept., CIVICUS, and the Spanish Dept. Note: We are open to working with any department or program on campus - the above list is not exhaustive.

AR*AC Application Process

Below are the steps for completing the AR*AC*PNP application process.

1. Submit your application, including resume, class schedule, and other required documents, using this form.

2. Receive an email from arac@umd.edu with instructions for scheduling a 30-minute interview with a current AR*AC*PNP mentor.

3. Schedule and attend your 30-minute interview.

4. Receive notification about our decision on your application within one week of your interview.

Note: Applicants who ranked Partners in Print as their first choice will be required to participate in a second, PNP-specific interview, in addition to the 30-minute interview. Once your application is submitted, you will receive specific instructions about that second interview.

Applicant Information

First Name [Required]

Last Name [Required]

Nickname or Preferred Name

Preferred pronouns
Want to know more about preferred pronouns? https://lgbt.umd.edu/good-practices-names-and-pronouns

UID [Required]
Valid input:
- must be between 9 and 9 characters.

Cell Phone Number [Required]
Valid input:
- must be 10-15 digits long and may include only numbers, hyphens, and spaces.

Email Address [Required]
Valid input:
- name@myschool.edu

How did you find out about AR*AC? [Required]
Check all that apply.
A friend or classmate told me about it.
I received an email from AR*AC*PNP.
I received an email from a group of which I am a member.
An advisor or faculty member told me about it.
I saw a sign or flyer about AR*AC*PNP.
I saw something on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook
Other

What other activities are you involved in on/off campus? [Required]

Expected Graduation (Month and Year) [Required]

Major [Required]

Level of Study [Required]

[ ] Undergraduate
[ ] Graduate

Do you speak Spanish? [Required]

[ ] No
[ ] A little
[ ] Conversational
[ ] Fluently

Do you speak any other language conversationally or fluently? If so, what language?

Note to Graduate Students

Unfortunately, America Reads*America Counts is unable to pay graduate students. This is not a paying job for graduate students, but graduate students are welcomed to volunteer with our programs.

Program Preference

Please select the AR*AC*PNP program that is your 1st Choice, 2nd Choice, and 3rd Choice.

1st Choice [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.
- must select a value.

[ ] America Reads
[ ] America Counts
[ ] Partners in Print

2nd Choice [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.
- must select a value.

[ ] America Reads
[ ] America Counts
[ ] Partners in Print
[ ] No other program fits my schedule.

3rd Choice [Required]
Valid input:
- Select only one choice.
- must select a value.
Type of Involvement

How will you be involved in AR*AC? [Required]

[ ] As a volunteer
[ ] As a Federal Work Study Student
[ ] Enrolled in HESI318M
[ ] As an intern for a course or program

If you are planning to be involved as a Federal Work Study student, have you already been granted an award by the Financial Aid office?

[ ] Yes (Please attach Award Page below)
[ ] No, but I am currently seeking an appeal from Financial Aid
[ ] No

If you are planning to be involved as a Federal Work Study student, please upload your Financial Award Page here. Your Financial Award page can be found at testudo.umd.edu under the Financials tab. Please upload this document as PDF.

Mode of Transportation

Typically, AR*AC*PNP students travel to our partner schools in University vans. We need mentors to help support their teams by volunteering to drive these vans. Training is provided to any student who volunteers to drive an AR*AC van. Occasionally, some students choose to drive their own personal vehicles or ride UMD shuttles to their schools.

Please indicate your preferred mode of transportation below.

Please check all that apply. [Required]

[ ] I am willing to drive an AR*AC van.
[ ] I do NOT have access to a car and need to be placed at a van or shuttle school.
[ ] I have regular access to a car and prefer to drive myself to school.
[ ] I have regular access to a car and I am willing to drive myself and other mentors to my school.

Schedule and Availability

Please indicate the time blocks during which you WOULD LIKE to work for America Reads, America Counts, and/or Partners in Print during Spring 2019.

Please select the time blocks you WOULD LIKE to work for America Reads. You must be available for the entire time block. Time blocks include travel time to and from schools.

You must be available two days each week. Preference will be given to candidates with a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule.

[ ] Monday 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
[ ] Monday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
[ ] Tuesday 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m
[ ] Tuesday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
[ ] Wednesday 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m
[ ] Wednesday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
[ ] Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m
[ ] Thursday 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Please select the time blocks you WOULD LIKE to work for America Counts. You must be available for the entire time block. Time blocks include travel time to and from schools.

Preference will be given to applicants available two days per week with Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedules.

[ ] Monday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
[ ] Tuesday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
[ ] Wednesday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
[ ] Thursday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Please select the time blocks you WOULD LIKE to work for Partners in Print. You must be available for the entire time block. Time blocks include travel time to and from schools.

Candidates who are available two days a week on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedule will be given preference in the hiring process.

[ ] Monday 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
[ ] Tuesday 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
[ ] Wednesday 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
[ ] Thursday 5:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Is your Spring 2019 class schedule complete? [Required]

[ ] Yes
[ ] Yes, but I anticipate that it may change due to waitlisted classes I am hoping to take.
[ ] No

Please upload your Spring 2019 class schedule.
Please upload your class schedule as a Word document or PDF. If your schedule is not complete at this time, you must submit it to AR*AC as soon as it is available.

Open Response Questions and Resume

Answer the questions listed below. Please provide enough information so that we can get a good sense of your experience and motivation for joining AR*AC*PNP.

All applicants must answer Questions 1 and 2. PNP applicants must also answer Question 3.

Question 1: Describe an experience that has helped prepare you to work as a mentor for AR*AC*PNP. [Required]
Valid input:
- must contain at most 1000 characters.

Question 2: Talk about a group or team of which you have been a member - what did you learn about yourself through this experience? [Required]
Valid input:
- must contain at most 1000 characters.

Question 3: Explain why you have chosen to apply to Partners in Print and describe which of your personal qualities could benefit the program.
Only applicants for Partners in Print need to provide an answer to this question.
Valid input:
- must contain at most 1000 characters.

Please upload your current resume.
Please upload Word documents or PDFs ONLY.

Thank you!

Thank you so much for applying to be an America Reads, America Counts, or Partners in Print mentor! You should hear from us via email in one to two weeks to schedule an interview. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at arac@umd.edu.