



Gies Business

Meet the Peer Tutors!

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Liam Lihn

Senior | Accountancy & Information Systems

Hometown: Western Springs, IL

Interests: Cooking, baking, working out, dogs.

Courses: BADM 210 / 211, ECON 102 / 103

“I enjoy helping people who are in the same position I once was, and most of the classes we tutor are fun!”



“I’m interested in being a peer tutor because I want to be able to help my fellow peers with knowledge I believe I can help them well in.”

Vivian Zheng

Junior | Accountancy

Hometown: Springfield, IL

Interests: I enjoy music, Disney, and hanging out with my friends!

Courses: ECON 102 / 103 , Math 234, FIN 221, STAT 107



Tanisha Garg

Sophomore | Business Undeclared

Hometown: New Delhi, India

Interests: Watching movies, playing badminton and thrifting

Courses: ECON 102 / 103 , STAT 100, Math 234, FIN 221, STAT 107

“Peer tutoring interests me as it offers the opportunity to support students in their academic journey, by creating a fun and collaborative learning environment. Also, I’ve always been quite about helping others succeed.”



“I was interested in becoming a peer tutor because I enjoy interacting with other students, and it’s a great opportunity to help students better understand course material.”

Felicity Tuan

Senior | Accounting & Information Systems

Hometown: Champaign, IL

Interests: I enjoy grabbing coffee with friends, taking my dog on walks, and trying different foods.

Courses: BADM 210 / 211, ECON 102 / 103 , CS 105, STAT 100



Evelina Astranskas

Junior | Finance & Data Science

Hometown: Palos Hills, IL

Interests: In my free time, I enjoy reading, working out, and hanging out with friends.

Courses: ECON 102 / 103 , CS 105, STAT 100, FIN 221, STAT 107

I've always enjoyed helping others understand complex concepts and watching them succeed. The Peer Tutor position allows me to combine my passion for teaching with my desire to support my peers in their academic journeys.



Naina Tipirneni

Sophomore | Finance & Data Science

Hometown: Boston, Massachusetts

Interests: Music, reading, hiking

Courses: ECON 102 / 103 , FIN 221, STAT 107

“I became interested in the Peer Tutor position because I enjoy teaching and helping out fellow students!”

A portrait of Calista Gunawan, a young woman with long, dark brown hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a dark blue top. The background is a light blue gradient.

Calista Gunawan

Junior | Accountancy & Data Science

Hometown: Jakarta, Indonesia

Interests: Stand-up comedy, architecture photography, fashion

Courses: ECON 102 / 103 , CS 105, Math 234, STAT 107

“I’m excited about becoming a Peer Tutor because it played a crucial role in my freshman success. The tutors were not only helpful but also friendly, and I even made lasting friendships. With my passion for teaching, I see this as a perfect opportunity to give back and support others on their academic journey.”



“Having experienced the benefits of peer support myself, I am eager to assist fellow students in grasping challenging concepts and refining study techniques. My previous experience sharpened my ability to communicate effectively and deepened my understanding of diverse student needs and the importance of supportive academic environments. I am enthusiastic about continuing to contribute to student success, fostering collaborative learning, and further developing my skills as both an educator and future accountant in this role.”

Phoebe Chung

Junior | Accountancy & Informatics

Hometown: Chicago, IL

Interests: Outside of academics, I enjoy exploring new technologies, attending various club events, and volunteering.

Courses: **BADM 210 / 211**, ECON 103 , STAT 100, FIN 221



Owen Wen

Junior | Accountancy & Data Science

Hometown: Beijing, China

Interests: Cooking, reading, and swimming

Courses: ECON 102 / 103 , CS 105, STAT 107

“I'm very friendly and willing to help more students get over their freshman year and become familiarized with UIUC”



Sara Marks

Senior | Business Management

Hometown: St. Louis, MO

Interests: Fitness, Music, Learning

Courses: BADM 210 / 211, ECON 102 / 103 , CS 105, STAT 100, FIN 221

“I really enjoy helping others, and this position allowed me the opportunity to do so, as well as strengthening my connection to our Gies community!”



“My goal is to help students understand the material they are having trouble with and for them to walk into the class, attempt an assignment, or sit for a test with confidence.”

Matthew Martin

Junior | Accountancy & Finance

Hometown: Orland Park, IL

Interests: Pickleball, running, golf, biking, racquetball, tennis, frisbee golf

Courses: BADM 210, CS 105

A portrait of a young woman with long dark hair, smiling, wearing a black blazer and gold hoop earrings. The background is a textured, light-colored wall.

Aria Jain

Junior | Accountancy

Hometown: Glenview , IL

Interests: Tennis, clean beauty brands, reading

Courses: BADM 210, ECON 102, CS 105

“I love meeting and helping other Gies students with different concepts and exploring new ideas!”



“I have always been passionate about helping others and sharing knowledge. I myself received a lot of help from the peer tutors when I was struggling with a few of my courses. This motivates me to become a peer tutor and help people who are in the same situation I was.”

Linh Pham

Senior | Finance & Data Science

Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam

Interests: Basketball, piano, guitar, photography.

Courses: BADM 210 / 211, ECON 102 / 103, STAT 100, MATH 220, FIN 300, FIN 221



“Since I was little, I have always loved volunteering or helping people. My mom started her own business on the key focus of helping people, and I strive to do that whether it be with tutoring or through other endeavors.”

Shea Fitzgerald

**Junior | Finance & Strategic
Innovative Entrepreneurship**

Hometown: Palos Heights, IL

Interests: Outside of the classroom, I love all things fitness related. I work as a group fitness instructor, and I also dancing, reading, fishing, and watching my favorite Netflix shows.

Courses: BADM 210, ECON 102 / 103, CS 105, STAT 100



Sangeetha Jayaraman

Junior | Finance & Data Science

Hometown: Chennai, South India.

Interests: My interests traveling, seeing new places, and trying new recipes.

Courses: ECON 102 / 103, STAT 100, Math 234,

“I've always had an interest in teaching, so in college I tried to find opportunities that would give me a chance to do exactly that. And that's when I found out about this job.”