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2026-2027 Near Peer Application

Thank you for your interest in the REACH 2.0 Near Peer Program. Please read the following instructions carefully before completing your application.

Review the Application FAQ

We encourage all applicants to review the Frequently Asked Questions document before beginning the application to ensure a smooth and informed submission process.

Prepare All Materials

Make sure you have all the required attachments and answers ready before you hit the Submit button. Once submitted, you will not be able to go back and make any changes to your application.

Review Your Application

Before submitting, take a moment to review all your information, ensuring everything is accurate and complete.

Submit Once Complete

Once you are satisfied with your application, click Submit to finalize your submission.

Once you begin the application, you must complete it in one session. There is no option to save and return later.

Questions?

If you have any questions during the application process, please feel free to contact us at REACH2.0@acaam.org.

Deadline for submissions January 5, 2026 midnight ET



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Section 1: Near Peer Applicant Information

What is your full name? (First, Last, Suffix)

Please share your preferred name?

What is your job title?

Please provide the name of your workplace

Please provide your mailing address (street, city, state, zip code)

Please provide the best number to reach you

Please provide your email address (We will use this email to contact you about the REACH 2.0 application process)

How did you hear about the REACH 2.0 Program?

- Internet search
- Reach 2.0 website
- Program Director, Dean of Students or Training Director
- REACH Scholar or alum
- Professional group conference or professional organization
- Other

Section 2: Eligibility

To be eligible for the REACH 2.0 Program, Near Peer applicants must be:

- Hold a medical degree (MD or DO)
- Be practicing or in subspecialty training in Addiction Medicine, Addiction Psychiatry, or working primarily with populations affected by substance use disorders (SUD)
- Be Alumni of the REACH Program or have similar experience with mentorship within the last five years
- Be willing to commit to the following program expectations:



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- Provide virtual mentoring to an assigned Scholar at least once every three months (4 times a year)
- Participate in monthly virtual cohort webinar meetings and Health & Wellness sessions

Please note: If you answer "No" to any of the questions below, you are not eligible to be involved in REACH 2.0 and do not need to complete your application. Thank you for your interest.

Are you a US citizen or permanent resident?

Are you willing to commit to meeting virtually **every 3 months (4 times a year)** with your matched Scholar?

Are you willing to commit to participate in **monthly** virtual networking events, including trainings, webinars, panel discussions, and Health and Wellness Sessions, throughout the program year?

Are you able to attend the 2 day **in-person training** event on April 21-22 in San Diego, CA?

Are you willing to **participate in program evaluation activities** (including pre- and post-training surveys, mid-year/exit surveys, and qualitative interviews)?

Were you a previous REACH Scholar?

If you selected "Yes," when did you participate in the mentoring program? Please provide the program year.

If you selected "No," please tell us which mentoring program you participated in.

Section 3: Education & Work History

This section is to learn more about your experiences and will be used to ensure that scholars have access to a wide range of practitioners, settings, and populations served. This will also help in the mentor matching process.



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Describe the populations/individuals you primarily serve

Where will you be employed during 2026-2027? Select all that apply.

- NA-Not employed
- State/county/jurisdiction/territorial/tribal government
- SUD treatment program
- SUD prevention program
- Community recovery support program
- Group Home
- Transitional/supported living facility
- Mental health clinic or treatment program (Community mental health program)
- Community health/Community health coalition
- Community Coalition
- Primary care
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Hospital
- State or private psychiatric hospital
- Aging Services Network
- Skilled nursing facility
- Criminal justice/corrections (court, prison, jail, probation, TASC)
- Military/VA
- Higher Education setting
- Elementary or secondary education setting
- Community-based organization (including faith-based organizations)
- Self-employed (any type of business)
- Farm or rural establishment
- Family-run or consumer-run organization
- Homecare
- Shelter
- Government
- Other (please specify)

Of the above, which will be your primary/principal setting?



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Please share what percentage of your time is spent in the following activities related to SUD in the following: Teaching, Research, Clinical Care, Admin Duties, Other Duties. All duties must add up to 100 percent.

Section 4: Interest & Commitment

How will your mentorship of REACH 2.0 Scholars help shape the future of addiction medicine and have an impact in the field of medicine?

Please share with us why you want to be a Near Peer (3,000 characters or less)

How do you feel you can best contribute to the Scholars in the REACH 2.0 program?

What specific skills can you bring to REACH 2.0? (3000 words or less)

What do you hope to gain from this experience? (3000 words or less)

Tell us the best part of your previous experience as a mentee. (300 words or less)

Section 5: Required Materials

Please upload your CV

Please upload your Letter of Recommendation 1

Please provide the recommender's full name

Please provide the recommender's Institution

Please provide the recommender's email

Please upload your Letter of Recommendation 2

Please provide the recommender's full name

Please provide the recommender's Institution



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Please provide the recommender's email

** Please note that the recommender may receive an email from the REACH 2.0 team for email validation*

Section 6: Additional Information

REACH 2.0 is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to support full participation by eligible Near Peers. Do you require any accommodations to fully engage in the program? If this does not apply, please enter N/A.

Is there anything else that wasn't captured on the application that you would like to share? Please feel free to share something fun about yourself.

Conclusion:

Thank you for expressing interest in participating in the REACH 2.0 Program. We look forward to reviewing your application and will notify you once a decision has been made.

If you have any questions, please contact us at REACH2.0@acaam.org.