Next fall/winter we will be offering small-group peer-teaching seminars (Peer-Assisted Learning - PAL) in Biology 207 - Molecular Genetics and Heredity. PAL is a non-remedial approach to learning enrichment that increases student performance and retention. PAL sessions in Biology 207 will offer regularly scheduled, out-of-class review sessions to all students enrolled in the course. PAL study sessions will be informal seminars in which students work together to review notes, discuss readings, develop organizational tools and prepare for examinations. **PAL sessions are run by senior undergraduates who have successfully completed Biology 207 and who are committed to improving the understanding of introductory genetics among the Biology 207 students.**

We are looking for qualified undergraduate students who are interested in becoming a PAL leader for Biology 207 in the 2017/2018 academic year. PAL leaders work directly with course instructors and get an insider's appreciation of how courses work. They also develop teaching and public speaking skills. Former PAL leaders have found the experience rewarding and have gone on into medicine, graduate school, and other professional degree programs.

Candidates must have received an A- or higher in Biology 207. Candidates must also have enough flexibility in their timetable to fit in 6 hours per week. During fall term the breakdown is 3 hours of preparation, two 1 hour sessions, and a 1 hour weekly meeting. In winter term the workload is reduced. We can help rearrange course timetables for incoming PAL leaders.

Preference will be given to candidates who:
- participated in the PAL sessions when they took Biology 207
- have completed Genetics 270
- have completed or are taking other Genetics and related courses
- are in an honours or specialization program
- are students in a program hosted by the Department of Biological Sciences

Candidates who transferred from other academic institutions are welcome to apply. You can modify your application package as required. Your reference letters could be from your original institution.

If you are interested, application forms are available from the Biology Student Services Office, CW-405 BioSci Bldg. Students who applied in previous years may reapply. The deadline for applications is May 8, 2017. Interviews will be done in person or by Skype/FaceTime in early May until all positions are filled.

Contact the PAL program coordinator, Dr. Mike Harrington (mjh@ualberta.ca), for more information.