YOUTH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

ASSISTANT FACILITATOR

WORK WITH THE YMCA TO BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL IN A TEEN’S LIFE.

The SFU Surrey–TD Community Engagement Centre (SFU CEC) and YMCA are looking for enthusiastic students to assist in the delivery and facilitation of the Youth Leadership Development Program (YLD).

The YLD program’s goal is to build the potential of young people so that they have the skills to positively impact the community as young professionals. Youth ages 10-18 can participate in activities and exercises that build self-esteem, develop leadership skills, and explore current issues in society.

The program will be held Tuesday-Thursday evenings, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at multiple locations, from September, 2019 to June, 2020.

YOUR ROLE:

As an Assistant Facilitator, you will guide discussions and activities that give participants a chance to share their thoughts, feelings, opinions and concerns, and to learn from guest speakers, training sessions and peer presentations. You will assist the YMCA program leader to plan and facilitate activities like: team-building games, fundraisers, social events, volunteer opportunities, dialogues, youth-led activities, special guests, training, special events and a Youth Conference weekend. The purpose of your weekly sessions will be to help build the potential of young people so that they have the skills to positively impact the community as young professionals.

Apart from the weekly YLD sessions, you will also have the opportunity to engage as a facilitator or general volunteer in optional activities such as:

- Facilitating at the YLD Conference during the May long weekend, 2020;
- Participating in fundraisers/volunteer events;
- Facilitating at the PRC Conference, during American Thanksgiving weekend, 2019;
- Assisting in program and recruitment;
- Participating on a Youth Advisory Committee which will help shape the YLD program moving forward.

All of these optional activities would be outside of your regular YLD session on different evenings or weekends.

In this role, you will:

- Acquire knowledge about the goals of the Youth Leadership Development program and the importance of youth belonging and connectedness for fostering health, well-being, resiliency and strong communities;
- Acquire knowledge about the youth leadership development program curriculum;
• Identify the important elements of child and youth safety, as well as YMCA policies and procedures;
• Apply learned knowledge of the program as well as verbal communication and dialogue facilitation skills by assisting in the delivery of program activities;
• Apply learned knowledge of youth leadership development curriculum by coming up with new ideas for activities, or by altering existing activities to meet the needs and interests of the youth attending the program;
• Apply interpersonal and relationship-building skills by developing healthy relationships with the youth in the program.

Other benefits:
• Gain experience working with youth;
• Build mentorship experience;
• Enjoy rich opportunities to develop interpersonal communication skills;
• Obtain free training;
• Take the opportunity to attend the annual youth conference;
• Enjoy the annual volunteer recognition dinner and YLD banquet;
• Earn credit on your co-curricular record.

PROGRAM DATES & TIMES:
Tuesdays: KPU Surrey, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | September 17th, 2019 – June 16th, 2020
Wednesdays: Tong Louie YMCA, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | September 18th, 2019 – June 17th, 2020
Thursdays: SFU Surrey-TD CEC and Guildford Recreation Centre, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | September 19th, 2019 – June 18th, 2020
* We will have two more Surrey Locations – White Rock Recreation Centre and Cloverdale Recreation Centre. The day of the week for these locations is still TBD, but it will be either Tuesday or Thursday, 6:30–9:30 p.m., September 17 or 19, 2019 – June 18, 2020.
Optional Volunteering on the Youth Advisory Committee will be Friday evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Tong Louie YMCA.

LOCATIONS:
The YLD program will be offered in five different locations:
1. Tuesdays – Kwantlen Polytechnic University (12666 72 Avenue Surrey)
2. Wednesdays – Tong Louie YMCA (14988 57 Ave, Surrey)
3. Thursdays – SFU Surrey-TD CEC and Guildford Recreation Centre (10350 University Drive, Surrey) AND Guildford Recreation Centre (15105 105 Ave, Surrey)
*NOTE: YLD will also run at:
4. the Cloverdale Recreation Centre (6188 176 St, Surrey) and
5. the White Rock Recreation Centre (15154 Russell Ave, White Rock), dates TBD.

REQUIREMENTS
APPLICANTS MUST:
• complete all required volunteer documentation and a Criminal Record Search;
• be motivated to build relationships with youth and teens;
• be 19 years of age or older;
• have experience with leadership programs and activities;
Deadline to apply: Friday, August 23, 2019 at 11:59 p.m.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Trisha Dulku, Community Engagement Associate (community-volunteer@sfu.ca) with your name, contact information, current program and year of study at SFU, any previous relevant experience and your expected availability (e.g. Spring semester, Summer semester, etc.).

You will be asked to participate in a quick pre-screening interview at a time that is convenient for you. Once you have completed the pre-screening, you will fill out the online application form below.

YMCA application steps:

1. Apply online: http://volunteerymca.ca
2. Under the department, please select “Youth Engagement” and include the name “Bobbi Terrell”.
3. You will receive an email saying “Thank you for applying” which will include the steps for completing your Criminal Record Check (CRC).

COMPETENCIES REQUIRED:

- demonstrate the YMCA core values:
  - Do the right thing,
  - Put people first,
  - Lead by example,
  - Keep our promises.
- have a strong commitment to the organization;
- demonstrate and promote a personal understanding and appreciation for the mission and strategic outcomes of the YMCA;
- be committed to teamwork and relationship building, planning and organizing.

TIME COMMITMENT REQUIRED:

Volunteers must commit to attending the program every week during the agreed upon semester(s). Ideally, you will commit to the entire run of the program (September–June). We realize that scheduling and life circumstances may make long-term commitment difficult, so the minimum commitment you must be able to make is one full semester (e.g. September–December; January–April; May–June).

In addition, you must be able to attend the mandatory YMCA YLD training session on August 28th and 29th, September 4th and 5th, or at the end of September (date TBD).

CO-CURRICULAR RECORD

- commit to two hours each week on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evenings (except holidays);
- be able to attend the YMCA Youth Leadership training on August 28th and 29th from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. or September 4th or 5th from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. Please note: there will be another option for training at the end of September;
- be willing to prepare weekly leadership activity sessions with a co-advisor using the manual provided;
- be ready to support youth by attending occasional special events in the community.

THIS OPPORTUNITY IS RECOGNIZED ON THE CO-CURRICULAR RECORD (CCR)!

The CCR is an official university document that tracks your co-curricular involvement at SFU. Learn more about the Co-Curricular Record at www.sfu.ca/students/get-involved/recognition/co-curricular-record