OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

English as an additional Language (EAL) Peers are part of the larger program of Peer Education. Peer Educators commit to volunteering for two (2) terms, however these terms do not need to be consecutive if the student is away for co-op or field school etc.

Your role as an EAL Peer has two components. The first is your role in working with students for whom English is an additional language and the second component relates to your personal development.

This position starts in the Fall 2017 term.

Position Overview

The EAL Peer Educator program is designed to support EAL students’ English conversation skills as well as help them with their social and cultural needs as they transition into and through the university. Peers may be based out the Burnaby, Vancouver, or Surrey campuses.

As an EAL peer, you will:

- Meet with your partners for one hour per week and help them speak English more fluently, accurately, and confidently
- Optional: plan and co-facilitate Let’s Talk English conversation groups
- Optional: co-facilitate Core University English Immersion Experience, a one week workshop focusing on improving academic speaking and tutorial discussion
- Optional: volunteer for events such as international student orientation to promote EAL supports and services offered by the Student Learning Commons
- Optional: attend EAL workshops given by the EAL Services Coordinator for personal development

Relating to your personal development, Peer Educators will:

- Participate in a self-led learning plan to improve personal development goals
- Meet three times per semester with your Peer Coach (a returning peer who will support your goal) as a means of working toward your chosen personal development goal.
- Complete 2 online reflections per term relating to your goal setting.

Peer Education consists of eight program areas and over 120 student peer educators per term. All Peer Educators gain skills and knowledge through centralized training, and area specific training. Training is delivered in a blended format, with some components online and other components delivered in person.
Time Commitment & Benefits

This role requires approximately 60 to 72 hours per term starting in the Fall term. The second term could be a Fall, Spring, or Summer term. Students are encouraged to continue volunteering for longer than 2 terms if desired.

Mandatory Training

- 6 hours of online preparation for Core Training (content that all Peer Educators cover)
- 3 hours of Core Peer Program Training [all programs]:
  - Tuesday September 5th, 2017; 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Burnaby Campus
- 3 hours of Student Learning Commons orientation [jointly with Learning & Writing Peers]
  - Friday September 8, 2017, 4:30pm-7:30pm at Burnaby Campus
- 6 hours of EAL specific core training
  - Saturday September 9, 2017, 10:00am-4:00pm at Burnaby Campus
- 6 hours of additional training at Peer Education Professional Development day
  - Saturday, January 20th, 2018; approx. times 9:30am – 3:30pm (Campus TBA)

Required Meetings

- Monthly Meetings with all EAL Peer Educators
  - Tuesdays, 5:30pm – 7:00pm [Location: Library Room 7200]
  - September, 19, October, 24, November, 21, November 28 (end of semester potluck)
- Three 30 minute meetings with your Peer Coach, at mutually convenient times.

Benefits of being an EAL Peer Educator:

- Gain valuable experience for your resume and career development (e.g., teaching English overseas)
- Meet like-minded students, work as a team and become a role model for other students
- Contribute to the SFU community by providing support, assistance, and information to other students
- Benefit academically by applying acquired skills to school
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Benefits of being a part of the Peer Education Program

- Receive coaching from your Peer Coach to support your personal and professional development.
- Opportunity to attend free professional development workshops such as the Passport to Leadership suite of programs
- Recognition of your involvement on the Co-curricular Record and at the SFU Volunteer Appreciation Gala.

OPPORTUNITY REQUIREMENTS

What we are looking for in our future Peers

- Current SFU Student in Good Academic Standing (minimum CGPA 2.0)
- Be reliable, responsible, and committed to the program
- Have a genuine desire to provide support, assistance and leadership to other students
- Be a fluent English speaker
- Have excellent interpersonal skills

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please note that you need to submit the following three items with your application:

- A Cover Letter
- Your Resume
- A completed copy of the Application Questions (click on the Attachment, at the bottom of the Opportunity Posting in MyInvolvement [“Application Information Download”), to download these questions)

You can upload these documents and create your Application Package in your myDocuments area.

If you have questions about the program, please contact Timothy Mossman (EAL Services Coordinator, Student Learning Commons) at tmossman@sfu.ca

If you have questions about using myInvolvement, please contact the Student Engagement Administrative team at myinvol-admin@sfu.ca.