Engagement Peer Educator Volunteer Description

OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Engagement 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 Engagement Peer has two components: the first is your role with students, and the second component relates to your personal development.

Program Overview

Engagement Peers work as a team to support and encourage students to become more involved at SFU and beyond by providing students with resources and strategies to identify potential engagement opportunities. In addition, the Engagement Peers develop and implement communication strategies for student to be more involved. In your work as an Engagement Peer, you will:

- Provide one-to-one consultations to current SFU students on exploring volunteer opportunities (on- and off- campus), campus and community events, student services, clubs, other student groups
- Plan and implement outreach activities to promote student engagement
- Collaborate on Faculty-based initiatives with the Student Engagement Coordinators [staff members within Student Engagement & Retention]
- Contribute to social media channels [Twitter and Facebook] as well as the ENGAGE blog - [sfu.ca/olc/blogs/engage]
- Engaging with the students involved in the Student Ambassador Program in a variety of ways

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 seven 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.
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Time Commitment

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
• 6 hours of Engagement Peer Specific Training
  ○ Tuesday September 12th, 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Burnaby Campus
  ○ Friday September 15th, 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Burnaby Campus
  ○ Further training will continue in the weekly meetings (see below)
• 6 hours of additional training at Peer Education Professional Development day
  ○ Saturday, January 20th, 2018; approx. times 9:30am – 3:30pm, location TBA

Required Meetings

• Mandatory weekly meetings on Tuesdays from 5:30pm – 7:00pm (or another, mutually agreed upon time) in the Fall and Spring semesters
• Two (per term) 30 minute check-in meetings with your Supervisor, at mutually convenient times
• Three (per term) 30 minute meetings with your Peer Coach, at mutually convenient times

Benefits

Benefits of being an Engagement Peer Educator:
• Extensive training program with an emphasis on skill development
• Practical experience in one-to-one consultations and assisting peers
• Development of team work skills
• Involvement in a vibrant student group
• Learn how to plan and implement a student engagement campaign from idea to completed project with a team of your peers
• Letter of reference upon request (minimum of two full terms)
• Give back to the SFU community!
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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 and...
  - Minimum 9 units, with at least one semester at SFU
  - At least 2 terms remaining in their degree.
  - Must be in Good Academic Standing at SFU, with a CGPA of at least 2.0
  - At least 5 hours per week available (specifically on Tuesdays, 5:30pm – 7:00pm)
- Passionate about getting oneself and others involved at SFU and beyond
- An interest in helping others

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 ("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 Debbie Molnar (debbie_molnar@sfu.ca)

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