Sustainability Peer Educator Description

OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The Sustainability Peer Education program advances personal and professional development while providing opportunities to work with Embark and the SFU Sustainability Office on a variety of sustainability initiatives.

Sustainability Peer Educators are part of the larger program of Peer Education. 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.

Peer Educators commit to volunteering for two (2) terms - the fall and spring term of a given school year (two (2) terms).

This opportunity starts in the Fall 2017 term.

Program Overview

Through Sustainability Peer Education, students are empowered to make SFU a more sustainable community. Sustainability Peer Educators are trained to be highly informed about sustainability at SFU and how to lead and participate in planning initiatives and events.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Co-create high-impact projects that contribute the university’s sustainability vision
- Work closely with a project coordinator and team of volunteers to execute projects
- Attend monthly professional development workshops in areas pertaining to communications, project management, sustainability, teamwork, etc.

Relating to personal development, Peer Educators:

- Participate in a self-led learning plan to work towards personal development goals
- Meet three times per semester with a designated Peer Coach, a returning Peer Educator, as a means of working toward the personal development goals.
- Complete two online reflections per term related to goal-setting.
Time Commitment

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

Sustainability Peer Educator hours include regular meetings, ongoing training, event planning and organizing, research, and attendance at special events and awareness initiatives.

Mandatory Training

- 6 hours of online preparation for Core Training (content for Peer Educators in all program areas)
- 3 hours of Core Peer Program Training (also for all program areas):
  - Tuesday September 5th, 2017; 5:30pm – 8:30pm at Burnaby Campus
- Sustainability-specific training
  - Date, time, and location to be determined
- Workshops on specific skills and topics (e.g. communications, project management, sustainability, teamwork) - more information to be provided by your Divisional Supervisor
- 6 hours of additional training at Peer Education Professional Development day
  - Saturday, January 20th, 2018; approx. times 9:30am – 3:30pm, Campus to be confirmed

Required Meetings

- Weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 4:30pm - 6:30pm starting August 30, 2017
- Three 30-minute meetings per term with a Peer Coach, at mutually convenient times.
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Benefits

Benefits of being a Sustainability Peer Educator:
- Develop knowledge about Embark’s and the Sustainability Office’s priorities, planning, and change management to advance sustainability at SFU
- Build a network of contacts and resources to help make change in the community
- Meet like-minded students, enhance teamwork skills, and model sustainable behavior and leadership
- Further develop employable and impactful skills [e.g., communications, project planning and implementation, working with students, staff, and internal & external organizations] through workshops and project work

Benefits of being a part of the Peer Education Program

- Receive coaching from a Peer Coach to support personal and professional development
- Opportunity to attend free professional development workshops such as the Passport to Leadership suite of programs
- Recognition of 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 (min. GPA 2.0)
- Have a passion for sustainability
- Be comfortable working as part of a team and working with diverse groups
- Have good time management skills and be able to balance academic and extracurricular commitments with the expectations of the Peer Educator role
- Have ready access to email and the ability to respond in a timely manner for communication among team members
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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

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