OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

Global Engagement Student Committee (GESC) is 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 a GESC Peer has two components: the first is your role with the Global Engagement Student Committee, and the second component relates to your personal development. There are positions open in the Summer and or Fall 2020.

Program Overview

The Global Student Centre (GSC) is a student lounge located in AQ 2013 at the SFU Burnaby campus. It is a place for all things global, intercultural and international. It serves as a hub for creating intercultural connections, engaging in dialogue about global issues, and building intercultural engagement amongst the SFU community.

GESC peers work with the GSC team to help develop a community of International and Canadian student leaders at SFU with global and cultural understanding, which enables them to excel academically, professionally, socially, and psychologically. Working in collaboration with the staff at the GSC, the Global Engagement Student Committee is responsible for organizing and facilitating programs and initiatives that:

- Foster intercultural understanding and engagement in the SFU community
- Promote global awareness
- Celebrate diversity through education and festivities, and/or
- Increase community awareness/knowledge of social justice issues
- Create further opportunities for students to make meaningful connections across diverse groups

Duties and Responsibilities

- Attend and actively participate at all mandatory weekly meetings (beginning early May) to further committee programming and GSC goals; weekly meetings are one hour in length at a time convenient to committee members.
- Plan and coordinate at least one large intercultural student-run event/program/project each term in accordance with committee guidelines and budget
- Connect with SFU student clubs to collaborate in events
- Assist with promoting events and programs through social media, posters, and other creative promotional strategies
- Assist with the planning and promotion of GSC programming
- Communicate concerns to the Intercultural Engagement Assistant

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 (Co-chairs of GESC) as a means of working toward your chosen personal development goal
- Complete 2 online reflections per term relating to your goal setting
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This program is a part of Peer Education, a collaboration with Student Engagement & Retention at SFU. Embedded within your role will be a focus on your personal development, including goal-setting and connecting with an experienced Peer Educator, your Peer Coach.

Time Commitment

This role requires a commitment of around 40–60 hours per semester (or 3-5 hours per week). This includes all trainings, weekly meetings, event planning, and event facilitation.

Mandatory Training

- 4-6 hours of online preparation for Core Training (content that all Peer Educators cover)
- Dates and times TBD
- 3 hours of Core Training (all programs): TBD
- 6 hours of Intercultural engagement specific in-person training,
- 4 hours of additional training at Peer Education Professional Development Day, once per term (date to be determined)

Benefits

Benefits of being a Global Engagement Student Committee Member

- Opportunity to gain knowledge of the GSC, and provide strategic direction for the Centre’s outreach events
- Opportunity to lead and support student-led events and initiatives
- Increase learning in areas of intercultural communication and diversity
- Gain project management and networking skills
- Opportunity to meet other students, and work in a diverse and supportive team
- Enhance marketing, promotions, and event planning skills
- Opportunity to improve communication, interpersonal, leadership, and teamwork skills
- Opportunity to collaborate and connect with other SFU departments and clubs
- Reference letter available upon request with fulfillment of all responsibilities per term

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 Event.

OPPORTUNITY REQUIREMENTS

What we are looking for in our future Peers

- Enthusiastic to bring new ideas to the team and make an impact
- Strong experience or interest in intercultural awareness and understanding
- Interest in building a respectful and inclusive community at SFU
- Completed coursework with an international/intercultural focus, and/or interest in global affairs
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- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Teamwork experience is an asset, and/or willingness to work within a diverse team of students
- Excellent computer and social media skills
- Interest in planning events and collaborating on student-led initiatives at SFU
- Able to liaise with multiple stakeholders and campus partners (i.e. clubs, alumni, faculty etc.)