The SFU Public Square Peer Educator program is part of the larger SFU Peer Education program, which was created by the Student Development Educator to foster experiential learning experience for SFU students. As an SFU Public Square Peer Educator, you will report to the supervisor at SFU Public Square. The Peer Educator will commit to volunteering for two semesters, starting in the Fall 2019 term.

**Position Overview**


These are but a few of the themes that SFU Public Square has tackled since its inception in 2012. SFU Public Square is a signature initiative supporting SFU’s strategy to be Canada’s engaged university. The program mobilizes the university’s physical, intellectual and virtual capacities to stimulate critical thinking about issues and foster discussion among diverse communities. SFU Public Square pushes the boundaries of community engagement and creates a gathering place for interaction and experimentation - a space where people can explore and exchange ideas across sectors, generations, values, and cultures.

The primary goal of a Peer Educator is to raise awareness of SFU Public Square and its community engagement activities on all 3 campuses. You will work with the SFU Public Square team and act as a student ambassador, championing the program to other students, and becoming part of the dynamic community engagement network at SFU.

How? Peer Educators will have the opportunity to develop and produce topical and timely student-centred events that engage the student body. Despite what is sometimes suggested in the public realm, we believe that students are not apathetic. Instead, they are eager to want to learn more about and contribute to current issues. This is a chance for you to connect with other students on the issues that matter most.

SFU Public Square Peer Educators will be working with their fellow SFU PS Peer Educators and the Program Coordinator of SFU Public Square.

Responsibilities and tasks as a SFU Public Square Peer Educator may include:

- Organizing two student-centred community engagement events per semester
- Marketing these events through social media, printed materials, or other creative strategies
- Creating and presenting project proposals and budgets for each event, which require approval from a supervisor
- Demonstrating your knowledge of SFU Public Square to the students
- Being an active and enthusiastic ambassador for SFU Public Square through outreach across all 3 SFU campuses

Responsibilities and tasks as a part of the Peer Educator program:
● Attend all mandatory training (times below), biweekly meetings (every two weeks), and peer mentor meetings (scheduled according to Peer Educators’ availabilities)
● Finish the online canvas course before attending in person training
● Develop personal and professional development goals for the semester they are an Ambassador

**Benefits**

Benefits of being an SFU Public Square Peer Educator:

● Gaining leadership skills by leading and supporting student-led events and initiatives
● Enhancing marketing, promotions, and event planning skills
● Learning to work with and contribute to a dynamic team
● Applying your knowledge and skills to a real-life project with resources and support from SFU Public Square
● Receiving performance feedback from your supervisor to support your personal and professional development goals
● Attending fun social nights with fellow peer educators
● Meeting like-minded individuals who share the same passion for student engagement
● Attending a professional development workshop
● Gaining interpersonal skills

Benefits of being a part of the Peer Educator Program

● Connection to a community of Peer Educators (10 + programs from across all SFU campuses)
● Access to ongoing training and professional development opportunities
● Additional support with your personal and professional development goals from your Peer Coach
● Recognition on your Co-Curricular Record (CCR)
● Invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation event in March

**Time Commitment**

Peer Educators commit to volunteering for 2 semesters. This role requires approximately 60 to 72 hours per term. This is the equivalent to 5 hours a week over the duration of the semester.

**Mandatory Training**

**ONLINE:**

● Before the in-person training session, all Peer Educators are required to review and complete
  ○ Core Training modules in the Canvas training course (approximately 6 hours) - Available in August

**IN-PERSON:**

● **Core Training (All Peer Education Programs)**
  ○ September 4, 2019: 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm at Burnaby Campus (3 hours)

● **Public Square Specific Training**
  ○ TBD

**Peer Education Professional Development Workshops:**

○ TBD

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REQUIRED MEETINGS

GROUP MEETINGS:

- Tuesday evenings bi weekly throughout the semester

PEER COACH MEETINGS:

- 3 x 30-minute meetings (per term) with your Peer Coach, at mutually convenient times.

REQUIREMENTS

This peer program is open to everyone. Experience with community engagement and event planning is an asset. The peer educator needs to be available to attend all training and professional development sessions specified above.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the program, please contact Kady Wong at kady_awong@sfu.ca.