EAL Peer Educator Volunteer Description

Description & Responsibilities

English as an Additional Language (EAL) Peer Educators support student learning by serving as English conversation partners and workshop facilitators. This position starts in the Fall, 2020 term. As an EAL Peer Educator, you will:

- be paired with two-three multilingual students (undergraduate or graduate international students) and meet with each one individually for one hour per week for casual conversation over the course of 10 weeks (the exact times of these meetings to be determined based on your availability/schedule)
- plan and co-facilitate the workshops Let’s Talk! or Plurilingual Café (times based on your availability/schedule)
- volunteer for events such as the Campus Service and Resource Fair or international student orientation to promote EAL supports and services offered by the Library and Student Learning Commons

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 & Benefits

Peer Educators commit to volunteering for two (2) terms; however, these terms do not need to be consecutive if you are away for on co-op or field school. 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. You 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)
  - Available in August and must be completed before Core Training
- 3 hours of Core Training (all programs):
  - Thursday, September 10, 2020 5:30pm – 8pm
- 3 hours of Student Learning Commons orientation (jointly with Learning & Writing Peers)
  - Friday September 11, 2020, 4:30pm-7:00pm at Burnaby Campus
- 6 hours of EAL specific core training
  - Saturday September 12, 2020, 10:00am-4:00pm at Burnaby Campus

Required Meetings

- Ongoing Training
  - Bi-weekly Tuesdays, 4:30 pm-5:30 pm (Library Room 7200)
- 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

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