PUBLIC SQUARE PEER AMBASSADOR

VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: PUBLIC SQUARE PEER AMBASSADOR
DEPARTMENT: SFU PUBLIC SQUARE
REPORTS TO: SETH ERAIS, PROGRAM COORDINATOR
START DATE: FALL 2020
APPLICATION DUE: APRIL 20, 2020

The SFU Public Square Peer Ambassador program is part of the larger SFU Peer Education program, which was created by the Student Development Ambassador to foster experiential learning experience for SFU students. As an SFU Public Square Peer Ambassador, you will report to the supervisor at SFU Public Square. The Peer Ambassador will commit to volunteering for the semester, starting in the Fall 2020 term and ending in April, 2021.

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 Ambassador is to raise awareness of SFU Public Square and its community engagement activities on all 3 campuses and to organize a student engagement event for the 2020 Community Summit along our theme of Inequality. 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 Ambassadors 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 in relation with our upcoming Community Summit events.

Responsibilities and tasks as an SFU Public Square Peer Ambassador may include:

- Organizing one student-centred community engagement event 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

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Responsibilities and tasks as a part of the Peer Ambassador program:

- Attend all mandatory training (times below), biweekly meetings (every two weeks), and peer mentor meetings (scheduled according to Peer Ambassadors’ availabilities)
- Finish the online canvas course by TBD.
- Develop personal and professional development goals to be achieved during the Fall/Spring semesters.

Benefits of being an SFU Public Square Peer Ambassador:

- Attending professional development workshops
- 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 Ambassadors
- Meeting like-minded individuals who share the same passion for student engagement
- Gaining interpersonal skills
- Working in community engagement and network development

Benefits of being a part of the Peer Education 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 Ambassadors commit to volunteering for 2 semesters. This role requires approximately 60 to 72 hours commitment each semester. This is the equivalent to 5 hours a week over the duration of the semester.

Mandatory Training

Online:

- Prior to the in-person training session, all Peer Ambassadors are required to review and complete:
  - Core Training modules in the Canvas training course (approximately 6 hours) - Available in December

In-Person:

- Core Training (All Peer Education Programs)
  Thursday, September 10, 2020, 5:30 – 8pm
- Program Specific Training

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PEER AMBASSADOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS:

- Workshops topics include:
  - What is Community Engagement?
  - Inclusive and Accessible Event Planning
  - Communications, Marketing & Promotion

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 Ambassador needs to be available to attend all training and professional development sessions specified above.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please note that you need to submit the following three items with your application.

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Completed Application Questions

Apply through MyInvolvement.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about the program, please contact Seth Erais at seth_re@sfu.ca.

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