



**UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY**

Faith and Spirituality Centre Student Leader **Peer Helper**
Position Description

Position Title:	Student Leader Peer Helper
Department:	Faith and Spirituality Centre
Term:	Fall 2021/Winter 2022
Number of Positions:	1-5
Hours:	5 per week
Length of Position:	September 2021 – April 2022

This is a competitive student leadership volunteer opportunity open to all University of Calgary students.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Faith & Spirituality Centre (FSC) offers a variety of spiritual and faith-based practices and encourage religious literacy, interfaith dialogue, cooperation, and action as a critical part of the student experience at the University of Calgary so that students can be their authentic selves in a spiritually inclusive campus culture. We are looking for dedicated and committed individuals who are interested in supporting the FSC's programs and events as well as individual chaplaincies programming, gatherings and events.

Student Leaders will select a chaplaincy to help support. Please include your intended chaplaincy in your application.

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support a chaplaincies goals, events and programming for the year.
- Attend orientation in the Fall and Winter
- Help organize development opportunities for peers
- Participate in student leader team gatherings and meetings
- Engage in one-on-one mentoring/planning with chaplain or other FSC member
- Help organize and plan group activities, service opportunities and gatherings including working collaboratively with other service areas and students on campus and external organizations
- Attend Peer Helper training and other relevant training sessions
- Other duties as assigned

BENEFITS:

- Work within a collaborative team environment
- Learn about a variety of faith practices
- Build positive relationships
- Have meaningful conversations with peers
- Learn how to host events
- Will have access to a variety of teas
- Build your resume

- Develop intercultural competencies
- Will have access to a restful, inclusive study space
- (Included for all):**
- Credit on the Co-Curricular Record
- Become part of the Peer Helper community throughout offices across campus
- Valuable leadership training opportunities provided to all UCalgary Peer Helpers
- StrengthsQuest Assessment code to identify your “Top 5 Themes of Talent”

COMMITMENT:

The time commitment of this position is on average 5+ hours per week.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Demonstrated professionalism, maturity and good judgment;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Have experience working with student groups;
- Is reliable and can complete projects from start to finish;
- An enthusiastic team player with a positive attitude;
- Is able to work well independently and with a team;
- Is a self-starter, reliable and can complete projects from start to finish;
- Has the ability to engage and encourage a group of peers; and
- Must be open and sensitive to those from a variety of faith traditions or from none at all.

(Mandatory):

- As the Peer Helper Program is meant to enhance the student experience and supplement academic learning, all Peer Helpers must demonstrate their ability to balance their academics with their extracurricular commitments, and must be in good academic standing
- All Peer Helpers must be in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS:

As a result of volunteering in this role, students can expect to develop their employability skills in the following focus areas, as outlined by the Conference Board of Canada’s Employability Skills:

- **Communication Skills:** Gain public speaking, presentation and group facilitation skills;
- **Teamwork Skills:** Develop skills in understanding group dynamics, engaging in dialogue with others who approach learning, work and world issues differently, and event/project management; and
- **Personal Management Skills:** Learn how your strengths help you succeed, and how to be adaptable in different settings. You will also have the opportunity to work on learning goals in this position using the SMART model.
- **Intercultural Capacity Building:** You will gain knowledge and understanding of a variety of faiths and cultures as well as learn how to contribute to a culture of peace in multicultural communities.

As a University of Calgary Peer Helper, you will also have the opportunity to work within a collaborative team environment, expand your network of students, faculty, and staff and have access to specific career development opportunities provided through the Peer Helper Program.

PEER HELPER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

The Peer Helper Program engages 300 students every year through 17 different on-campus offices. A key part of being a Peer Helper is having the opportunity to develop your employability skills and

experiences, and then translate those experiences into strong interview stories. Launched in 2019-2020, the Peer Helper Professional Development (PHPD) Program helps Peer Helpers meet these goals. In 2020-2021, all Peer Helpers program wide will be required to attend two PHPD workshops (in-person or online) and the 2021 UCalgary Student Leadership Conference in February 2021.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please submit an online application form available [HERE](#) by **4:30pm** on **August 27, 2020**. If you have any questions, please direct them to sarah.ashton@ucalgary.ca. Successful candidates will need to be available on **Saturday September 4th** for volunteer orientation.