



Faith and Spirituality Centre Student Team Member. **Peer Helper**
Position Description

Position Title:	Faith and Spirituality Team Member Peer Helper
Department:	Faith and Spirituality Centre
Term:	Fall 2021/Winter 2022
Number of Positions:	2-5
Hours:	2-3 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, compassionate and energetic individuals to be a part of our student team. The student team has been involved in hosting events and community gatherings, interfaith initiatives and service projects in the community.

TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Support the Student Team Organizer(s) in setting goals, events and programs for the year.
- Attend orientation in Fall and Winter
- Attend monthly planning meetings.
- Engage in one-on-one mentoring/ planning with a chaplain or other FSC member
- Help organize and plan group activities, including working collaboratively with other service areas and student clubs on campus and external organizations. Examples include hosting weekly DiversiTEA events, monthly Taste of Tuesday events, and other intercultural and interreligious diversity programs.
- Team members can choose which sub-committee to be involved in, including: Outreach and Hosting (social media, volunteering at service fairs, welcoming new students, advertising and being an ambassador for the FSC); Event Planning; and Peer Support
- Attend Peer Helper orientation 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 2-3 hours per week.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The volunteers at the Faith & Spirituality Centre consist of a dynamic group of people, with a variety of views, beliefs and lifestyles. The ideal candidate for Student Team Member has:

- Previous experience planning events and activities is considered an asset.
- A creative passion for getting things done.
- Demonstrated professionalism, maturity and good judgment.
- Is reliable and can complete projects from start to finish.
- Must be open and sensitive to those from a variety of faith traditions or from none at all.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.
- Experience working with diverse student groups.
- Passion for social justice is considered an asset.

(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.

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.