Science Ambassador

Position Description

Position title: Science Ambassador
Department: Undergraduate Science Centre
Term: Fall 2022/Winter 2023
Fall 2023/Winter 2024 (Two-year terms available)
Number of positions: 30+
Hours: Approx. 15-20 hours / term

POSITION DESCRIPTION
The Science Ambassador program connects undergraduate Science students with faculty, staff, and students to collaboratively advance the strategic mission of the Faculty of Science. Science Ambassadors engage in a meaningful experiential learning opportunity and become leaders in the Science student community by supporting their peers through the development of leadership, mentorship, and community-building opportunities. Ambassadors are partners in discovery and innovation, providing rich student perspectives and feedback. The goals of the Science Ambassadors are to advance the strategic mission and goals of the Faculty of Science and to nurture a Science student community focused on building resilience, peer-to-peer connection, and impactful networks.

AMBASSADOR TEAMS
Experiential Learning Ambassador Team
The Experiential Learning Team goals are to support student professional development by engaging as part of a Science student advisory committee, promoting scientific literacy and undergraduate research, and helping students discover the experiential learning opportunities available to them, including Work-Integrated Learning (WIL) and Community Engaged Learning (CEL). This team will collaborate with units across campus to advance the strategic mission and goals of the Faculty of Science, including the support of research information nights, poster sessions, conferences, and institutional opportunities such as UCalgary Open House and You at UCalgary. Experiential Learning Ambassadors will be regularly consulted on various faculty priorities and initiatives to provide student feedback and perspective.

Experiential Learning Ambassadors will:
- Attend bi-weekly team meetings
- Collaborate with other team members and ambassador teams to advance projects and initiatives
- Contribute to the Science student advisory committee
- Support institutional initiatives and participate or speak at events
- Other tasks as needed

Community Engagement Ambassador Team
The Community Engagement Team specialize in student life, wellbeing, and building an inclusive, welcoming Science community of peers. They host events for undergraduate students to connect with their peers and support the Science Mentorship Program by offering events and activities to facilitate student connection opportunities. They promote self-care and resilience, and help their peers develop communication and collaboration skills. Projects include seasonal social events and targeted student
engagement activities (ex. social media events, ad-hoc Science student engagement through drop-in activities).

Community Engagement Ambassadors will:
• Attend bi-weekly team meetings
• Collaborate with other team members and ambassador teams to advance projects and initiatives
• Organize and coordinate student events and activities
• Support the offering of the Science Mentorship Program
• Other tasks as needed

Communications Ambassador Team
The Communications Ambassador Team will amplify and promote the various activities, events, and opportunities identified and developed by the other Ambassador teams and the Faculty of Science. Their work will span the different portfolios of the Science Ambassadors and aim to create impactful, inspiring communications and creative content. This will include social media (Twitter and Instagram), video and photo content creation, graphic design, and strategic communications planning in alignment with University of Calgary communications standards.

Communications Ambassadors will:
• Attend bi-weekly team meetings
• Collaborate with other team members and ambassador teams to advance projects and initiatives
• Manage the Science Ambassadors social media channels
• Create communications content, including written copy, photo, video, and design
• Other tasks as needed

BENEFITS
• Develop leadership and team-building skills
• Develop coordinating projects and time management skills
• Develop competencies in resourcefulness, creativity, innovation, and flexibility
• Exercise ability to analyze information quickly and think creatively to problem solve or develop opportunities
• Work within a collaborative, cross-disciplinary team environment
• Contribute to nurturing a thriving, impactful, and connected Science student community
• Expand your network of students, faculty and staff
• Credit to your Co-Curricular Record (CCR)

QUALIFICATIONS
• Must be a current Faculty of Science undergraduate student
• Demonstrated professionalism, maturity and good judgment
• Excellent communication skills, including written, oral, one-on-one and group
• Proven organizational skills, multitasking and high attention to detail
• Ability to work effectively individually and as a team member
• In good academic standing

CONDUCT STATEMENT
This position requires students to be in good conduct standing for non-academic misconduct. Students who are not in good conduct standing have an active sanction of “Probation for Non-Academic Misconduct” that has been assigned through formal conduct proceedings per the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy. Students are informed in writing of the sanction by the Student Conduct Office. Note: Involvement in the Non-Academic Misconduct process does not automatically mean a student is not in good conduct standing; this applies only to those students who have been assigned the sanction of Probation for Non-Academic Misconduct. If you have been found responsible of a violation of the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and you are unsure if you have received this sanction, please contact conduct@ucalgary.ca. Please note that in submitting your application, you are verifying that you are in good conduct standing and consent to this being verified by the Student Conduct Office. Note that details of non-academic misconduct cases are not shared through this process.

APPLICATION PROCESS
To apply, please submit your application <LINK HERE> by August 15, 2022. If you have any questions, please direct them to science.engagement@ucalgary.ca. Applicants will be contacted by email for selection.