

## **UBC Orientations Volunteer Opportunity Posting**

UBC Orientations is operated out of the Office of Student Development within the Vice President, Students' portfolio. In the Faculty of Arts, our work focuses on the successful orientation and transition of new to UBC students in our faculty, be they domestic, international or transfer students. Orientation programs offer students a great way to learn about campus life and Vancouver culture, as well as make new friends. Volunteers gain experience working in a team setting, as well as contributing to the planning and implementation of our orientation programs.

### **Arts Squad Leader – UBC Orientations, Student Development**

#### **Primary Functions:**

There are approximately 25 Arts Squad Leader positions available through UBC Orientations, which includes Imagine & GALA - International Orientation. Squad Leaders in all faculties make up our senior pool of Orientation volunteers.

Note: Recruitment for other Orientation Leader roles, including Squad Managers, MUG Leaders, GALA Group Leaders, Welcome Team, and Welcome Leaders will begin in January 2011.

Arts Squad Leaders have three major functions:

#### *1. Leading Peers*

Within each faculty, UBC Orientations splits participating student leaders into small groups of approximately 10 people. These student leaders are put into groups, or "Squads". These squads are led by one senior student leader, the Squad Leader. As an Arts Squad Leader, you will be responsible for leading these squads by:

- Assisting with Orientation Leader recruitment drives (general and faculty/school specific) in January 2011 and selection processes including the Group Interview in February 2011.
- Facilitating sessions for the student leaders in your squad at training in March 2011 and late August 2011 (for GALA – International Orientation) OR in early September 2011 (for Imagine), with the support of Arts Student Development.
- Keeping your squad updated about the Orientation program by passing on emails from the UBC Orientations staff.
- Providing support to the development of the student leaders in your squad through their summer skill development online training program.
- Providing support to the members of your squad and building YOUR team to be successful!

#### *2. "Brains of the Operation" - (BOO) Crew - Student Steering Committee*

All UBC Orientations Squad Leaders will brainstorm, implement ideas and provide feedback on Orientations programs. In this capacity, all Squad Leaders must stay in regular communication with:

- The Orientations Team
- Their respective Faculty Contacts and/or support staff from other campus units (ex. International Student Development)
- Orientation Leaders in their groups

#### *3. Involvement Coach at the Centre for Student Involvement*

The Centre for Student Involvement (CSI) is a hub designed to support student programs and provide a space that can accommodate meeting together, working on projects, and supporting student-led initiatives to create a campus culture of involvement. This is a lively and social space where students are encouraged to make connections with others and form collaborative networks. As part of your Squad Leader role with UBC Orientations you'll have an opportunity to connect in with students across campus and share your experience and expertise concerning involvement at UBC. You will be responsible for:

- Assisting with the promotion of Involvement Coaching between September 5-9
- Act as an Involvement Coach for 2 hours between September 12-16

**Time Commitment - Squad Leaders must:**

- Attend monthly BOO meetings throughout the academic year and summer months leading up to Orientation (usually once a month, 1.5-2 hrs, December 2010 to October 2011)
- Attend the UBC Student Leadership Conference on Saturday, January 8th, 2011 (all day)
- Attend BOOt camp from January 14th – 16th, 2011 (all weekend)
- Attend Orientations Leader Recruitment Drive (throughout January/February, 2-4 hrs)
- Assist with the facilitation of Orientations Leader Group Interviews (throughout February, 7 hrs)
- Assist with the facilitation of March Training (for all Orientations Leaders) – dates vary by Faculty
- Imagine-specific: work with a professor to plan a Student Success Workshop for Imagine Day (Faculty contacts will assist in recruiting professors in February/March, Squad Leaders will plan the workshop between April and August)
- Attend training sessions for their role in late August, early September
- Imagine: Assist with facilitating skill-based training sessions for MUG Leaders in early September (0.5 day).
- Imagine: Attend logistical training day & mock run-through for all Orientations leaders in early September (1 day).
- Attend Orientations dates depending on your role: GALA (Thursday, September 1st – Saturday, September 3rd, 2011), Imagine (Tuesday, September 6th, 2011)
- Maintain regular contact (via email, in person meetings, etc.) during the summer with the Faculty Contacts and your Orientation Professor that you will be working with on the Student Success Workshop (Imagine) or your Staff Mentor that you will be working with on the Creating Campus Connections Workshop (GALA).
- Maintain regular contact (via email, in person meetings, etc.) during the summer with your Squad, and provide Orientations updates to your leaders.
- Act as an Involvement Coach at the Centre for Student Involvement in the fall (2-5 hours)

**Skills and Qualifications required:**

- Current undergraduate student in the Faculty of Arts (present - at least December 2011)
- Recognizes the importance of their role as a positive role model and representative of UBC and the Faculty of Arts
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Excellent organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Able to commit to and follow through with all Squad Leader required dates and expectations
- Demonstrated ability to adapt to new and challenging experiences with positive mind-set
- Ability and willingness to work independently and as part of a team with students, volunteers, and staff
- Knowledge of UBC and volunteer/work experience on campus
- Knowledge and/or sensitivity to issues affecting students and their transition to Canada or to UBC
- Previous experience with UBC Orientations as a Leader is an asset

**Skills and Experiences to be enhanced through your involvement as a Squad Leader:**

- Workshop and presentation development and facilitation skills
- Written and oral communication skills (email correspondence, public speaking, etc)
- Time management and organization skills
- Active listening skills and awareness of the needs of students in transition
- Problem-solving and trouble-shooting experience
- Experience working with diverse teams, including peers, staff, and faculty