



2019 Peer Helper Application Form

Please answer every question and type or print clearly. Incomplete forms will not be accepted. Applications must be submitted by 4pm on February 1st, 2019 to the reception desk in the Faculty of International Education, Building 255 or emailed to simon.schachner@viu.ca.

Important Information:

It is preferred that Peer Helpers have one year of experience as a student at VIU however one semester of experience is the minimum requirement. As a Peer Helper you must be available for the full year: February 2019 to January 2020 with a break during the summer. The main volunteer responsibility of a Peer Helper is to be available to support the six ESL/International Student Orientation events that take place over the year.

| Applicant Information | | | |
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| First Name: | | Family Name: | |
| Name used in Canada: (if different from above) | | Student Number: | |
| Phone Number: | | Email Address: | |
| Nationality: | | Language(s): (other than English) | |
| Program you are currently enrolled in: | | Current Year of Study: (or ESL Level) | |
| Have you been a Peer Helper in the past (Experienced Peer Helper)? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | If yes, when did you last attend training? | |
| | | If yes, when did you last volunteer as a Peer Helper? | |

Questionnaire

1. How did you hear about the Peer Helper program? If someone referred you to apply, please note their name here.

2. What are some qualities you consider important for someone in a Peer Helper role?



3. **Why are you interested in becoming a Peer Helper? If you are currently a Peer Helper please explain why would you like to continue for another term?**

4. **What previous work, education, volunteer and/or life experience do you have that will help you support new international students at VIU?**

Commitment

Please confirm your commitment for the following:

1. I am available for the **full year (2019)**: Yes No
2. I understand that **Peer Helper training sessions** may occur during weekday evenings:
Yes No
3. I will be available to volunteer at most **new student orientation events**: Yes No
Feb. 19 – 20, Apr. 23 – 26, Jun. 10 – 11, Aug. 26 – 30, Oct. 15 – 16 etc.
4. I will be available **Aug. 22** and **Aug. 26 – 30, 2019** for preparation and consecutive volunteer shifts in support of VIU's largest new student orientations (Fall Semester)
Yes No
5. I agree to contribute a minimum of **40 hours of volunteer service** over the course of the year.
Yes No
6. I agree to attend at least **2 student leadership and/or knowledge and awareness workshops** over the course of the year. Yes No

Name

Date

Signature

Thank you for your interest in the Peer Helper Program. All candidates will be contacted by email. Please plan to attend the first meeting on Wednesday, February 13th, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. It will be part information session, part team-building and part training for the ESL orientation the following week.