IMAGINE UBC ORIENTATION LEADER – Faculty of Forestry

Position Description
Imagine UBC and the University's first year transition programs serve as new students' formal welcome to the University, an invocation to the learning community they have joined. Imagine UBC helps students begin to find a community at UBC, feel supported from their first day on campus and through their first year, and provides a beginning to a learning experience that will challenge, stimulate and prepare them to achieve their goals and meet the challenges of our local and global communities.

Imagine UBC is coordinated through the Centre for Student Involvement and Careers within the Vice President, Students' portfolio working in collaboration with staff, faculty and students from across the University in the development and implementation of the program.

The Orientation Leader position plays a crucial role in the delivery of UBC Orientations, through communicating with a cohort of new-to-UBC students in the month of August, and by providing direct peer support to this group on Imagine UBC (September 4th, 2018) and throughout the school year as they transition into university life.

This volunteer posting is for 35 Orientation Leaders

Primary Functions
As an Orientation Leader, you should expect to:

- Contribute to an environment at UBC that is dedicated to excellence, equity, and mutual respect.
- Build and support an engaged community of new-to-UBC students
- Facilitate delivery of Imagine UBC
- Engage in personal and professional development
- Role model outstanding student leadership on campus
  - Understanding the larger picture of Orientations and Transition at the University and assisting in the implementation of that vision
  - Providing informed and timely referrals to campus resources and opportunities to students in your group to support their transition, as needed
• Actively contributing to the overall growth and development of the Orientation Leader team

Time Commitment

• Participate in interview process during February (date TBD)
• Attend mandatory Spring Welcome Event (March 24th, 2018)
• Actively participate in monthly online development activities throughout the summer
• Attend mandatory training session (September 3, 2018)
• Attend Imagine UBC on September 4, 2018
• Attend bi-weekly meetings on Wednesdays 4:00-5:30pm (September-December)*
• With your team of Orientation Leaders, organize and run one initiative to connect new students to the faculty values and community (September-December)*

*If you are unable to commit to the responsibilities following Imagine Day (September to December), you are still welcome to apply for the Orientation Leader position. Please email lydia.braam@ubc.ca after submitting your application to communicate that you are applying for an Orientation Leader position just for Imagine Day.

Benefits of Participating

• Involvement in the University community
• Building respectful and inclusive communities
• Develop group facilitation, effective communication, community development, and team building skills
• Building connections with university staff and peers, and give back to UBC community

Responsibilities

Build and support an engaged community of new-to-UBC students by:

• Leading an Orientation group of approximately 10 students
• Creating and animating communities of friendship and belonging for all new-to-UBC students
• Building peer relationships within your individual group, as well as amongst fellow Orientation Leaders
• Embracing your role as a UBC ambassador for student leadership and representative of the Program
• Communicating important updates from your Senior Orientation Leader to your group via email or other social media

Facilitate delivery of Imagine UBC by:

• Assisting with the organization and delivery of Imagine UBC activities for new-to-UBC students
• Maintaining proper communication throughout the planning process to ensure successful program delivery
• Providing feedback for overall program delivery and articulating recommendations moving forward

Engage in personal and professional skill development by:

• Developing competencies in areas including communication, teamwork, social and community organization, analysis and problem solving, initiative and motivation, willingness to learn, and adaptability

Role model outstanding student leadership on campus by:

• Upholding UBC’s Respectful Environment Statement as a responsible member of the UBC community
• Embracing the role as an ambassador for student leadership and representative of the Faculty, School or Program
• Understanding the role that an Orientation Leader plays within a larger scope of leadership on the UBC Vancouver campus
• Actively participating as a member of a larger community of leadership across the UBC Vancouver campus

Desired Experience and Skills

• Must be a student in good academic standing and enrolled as a student until December 2018
• Exceptional leadership skills
• Excellent organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills
• Excellent time management and conflict resolution skills
- 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

- Willing to engage in ongoing professional and personal development opportunities

- Knowledge of UBC and volunteer/work experience on campus

- Knowledge of and/or sensitivity to issues affecting students and their transition to Canada or to UBC