



Student Educational Developer Program: Call for Applications

The Paul R. MacPherson Institute for Leadership, Innovation & Excellence in Teaching at McMaster University invites applications from graduate students to its **Student Educational Developer (SED) Program**.

The purpose of MacPherson's pilot **SED Program** is to offer an internship-type experience in educational development to students who are interested in supporting and improving teaching and learning at McMaster and beyond.

Student Educational Developers will work closely with MacPherson Institute staff and have opportunities to develop entry-level skills, knowledge, and attributes important for new educational developers. Some of these entry-level skills include, but are not limited to:

- Consulting with faculty and students about teaching
- Planning and facilitating workshops
- Course refinements and teaching observations
- Teaching portfolio consultations
- Networking with other educational developers
- Reviewing the literature on teaching and learning
- Other teaching related projects as they emerge

Program Details

Length: January 2018 – June 2018

Number of hours per week: 10

Rate of Pay: \$18/hour

Successful candidates will be expected to:

- Commit to working 10 hours a week at the MacPherson Institute
- Engage in evidence-based educational development practices
- Attend weekly meetings with the SED Program Lead and other MacPherson staff
- Familiarize themselves with appropriate literature to inform their educational development practice
- Build relationships with MacPherson staff, campus partners, and other educational developers
- Develop a learning plan that identifies the specific knowledge, skills and attributes they will need to be successful in the Program and how to achieve these competencies
- Maintain a learning portfolio that captures their reflections on learning experiences, challenges and successes within the SED Program
- Offer feedback on and help to shape the SED Program



Qualifications

Applicants must be registered as a graduate student at McMaster University and should have:

- A strong interest in and commitment to teaching and learning in higher education
- Evidence of engagement in teaching and learning initiatives *which may include* but are not limited to:
 - Completion of an EDUCATN course within MacPherson's Teaching and Learning Certificates of Completion Program (or similar programming at another institution)
 - Experience working on a pedagogical project or Student Partners project
 - Membership on departmental or other committees related to teaching and learning
 - Participation in teaching and learning events (e.g. McMaster's Teaching and Learning Forum or equivalent), workshops, etc.
- Strong communication skills
- The capacity to work collaboratively with other students and MacPherson staff

How to Apply

Prepare a covering letter that indicates the skills, experiences, and interests you would bring to the Program.

Email your covering letter and resume no later than **Friday, November 24th by 12:00 pm** (noon) to Lori Goff c/o:

Launa Gauthier, Educational Developer at gauthl2@mcmaster.ca

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