



Global Community Student Advisory Council

Position Description:

The Global Community (GC) Student Advisory Council is comprised of students from the international community who are committed to supporting the success of international students at UVic through peer connections, community engagement, and inclusion. The Council meets regularly to share ideas, experiences, and opinions that contribute to the GC initiative and the advancement of the University of Victoria's strategic directions for fostering a globally mindful campus and to enhance the international student experience. Further, they facilitate presentations, provide consultations, and participate in conferences and projects across campus, bringing their international student voice.

Overarching Goals:

- **To share and highlight their unique experience as a student from the international community with campus partners at UVic and in the larger international network in Victoria.**
 - Provide their input, experience and suggestions on continuous improvements to GC programming, International Centre for Student (ICS) services, and overall international student experience at UVic.
- **To support the success of international students at UVic through peer connections, community engagement, and inclusion.**
 - Model a positive attitude and inclusive nature when engaging with the international community at UVic and in Victoria that emulates the values of the Global Community.
 - Network and engage with student groups, campus partners and the UVic Community as an ambassador of the Global Community and International Centre for Students.
- **To contribute to program planning and policy development at the University of Victoria.**
 - Through consultation, brainstorming and active participation, GC Student Advisory Council Members will play an important role in enhancing the international student experience and advancing the internationalization objectives of the university.

Benefits & Learning Outcomes:

- Develop transferable skills (communication, organization, marketing, supporting, listening, facilitation, etc.).
- Gain experience supporting and engaging peers, staff, and faculty.
- Connect and collaborate with other student leaders on campus.
- Build a strong sense of belonging amongst peers from the international community at UVic that will develop important connections and networks that will extend beyond their university student careers.
- Facilitate inclusion across different student groups and campus wide initiatives.
- Gain experience in campus wide consultation processes and program/policy development.
- Strengthen intercultural competencies and ability to reflect on global perspectives.
- Increase networking opportunities.

- Receive Co-Curricular Recognition (A University-validated record of volunteer engagement).
- Receive letter of recognition and reference (upon request) once successful completion of academic year.

Responsibilities & Expectations to achieve Overarching Goals:

- To partake in GC Student Advisory Council trainings and workshops.
- To attend and participate at a minimum of two Global Community events each semester.
- To meet regularly with GC Advisers for 1-2 hours (generally meetings will take place bi-weekly).
- To support the GC Advisers and ICS with promoting events and programs to the wider university.
- To act as an ambassador of the Global Community and ICS throughout their interactions with other groups/departments/clubs/etc., and encourage collaboration and cross promotion between the Global Community, ICS, and other Campus Partners.
- To participate in and support facilitating presentations, consultations, projects, and conferences across campus and in the community.
- To bring forward ideas, concerns, issues, suggestions, etc. to ICS from their perspective as students from the international community at UVic.
- To complete the GC Student Advisory Council Evaluation Form at the end of each semester

Qualifications:

- Be a current UVic student from the international community (identify as an international student, PR, or new Canadian, or a Canadian who relates with an international community) with a minimum of one semester completed at UVic.
- Be able to commit to a full academic year (May – April next year).
- Ability and willingness to work both independently and in a collaborative team environment.
- Interest in building an inclusive and welcoming campus community.
- Interest in sharing their perspective and experience as a UVic student from the international community with campus partners at UVic and in the larger international network in Victoria.
- Motivated to create connections, increase inclusion, and grow engagement for international students at UVic.
- Keen to contribute to the success of other international students at UVic.
- Driven to communicate clearly and respectfully to diverse audiences.
- Passionate about developing intercultural effectiveness and openness to learning cross-cultural communication skills.
- Motivated to enhance the international student experience with UVic and work collaboratively with the campus community to achieve this goal.

Time Commitment:

GC Student Advisory Council Members will meet approximately bi-weekly and throughout each term will be asked to participate in consultation processes, projects, presentations, and events that will most likely fall outside of the bi-weekly meeting times. Therefore, GC Student Advisory Council members will be asked to dedicate approximately one to three hours per week during the academic year (September – April).

During the summer term (May to August) the GC Student Advisory Council will continue to meet on a bi-weekly to monthly basis in order to adequately prepare for the upcoming academic year.

GC Student Advisory Council member positions will be at least a 1 year commitment (3 terms), but are encouraged to stay involved with the GC Student Advisory Council until approximately 6 months after they graduate or are no longer able to commit sufficient time for the Council (to be reviewed each year in annual check-in with GC Advisers).

Once GC Student Advisory Council Members graduate, they will be welcomed into the GC alumni network and will also be invited to participate in end of year/term celebrations and other social programming.

How to become a Global Community Student Advisory Council Member:

- **Application Process & Timeline**

- Please [apply to be a GC Council Member](#) by Monday, May 20th, 2024 for the 2024/2025 Academic Year.
 - https://www.surveymonkey.ca/r/2024-2025academicyear_GCCouncilApplication
- Eligible applicants will be contacted to participate in an interview in mid to late May 2024.
- Should you be interested in applying after the above 2024/2025 academic year deadline, please contact gcmmentor@uvic.ca before submitting your application.