

Peer Writing Assistants

Want to volunteer in a role where you'll:

- help students improve or perfect their writing skills
- develop great teaching and interpersonal skills for careers in education, universities, academia, and caring professions like healthcare
- work closely with academic staff with graduate degrees and PhDs
- become a better writer?

Peer Writing Assistant (PWA) and Science PWA volunteers typically volunteer for a weekly two-hour shift at SASS in Stauffer Library during the teaching semester. PWAs and Science PWAs work one-on-one with first and second-year students to:

- review student writing
- offer advice on editing and proofreading skills
- improve students' confidence in writing
- write better essays, projects, papers and lab reports
- advise all students, but often work with international students, English language learners, struggling students, and students in crisis.

We're looking for

- students in second year or upward from any program
- developed writing abilities in **any subject**: we're just as keen on Engineering as we are on Economics, English or Environmental Science!
- an interest in or experience working with EAL (English as an Additional Language) is also particularly welcome.

To apply:

If not applying through The Division of Student Affairs' peer programs recruitment form please submit the following to Mikayla Sebesta, Academic Transition and Peer Programs Coordinator, mms11@queensu.ca:

- A covering letter explaining why you want to work as a PWA or Science PWA, how your background will help you fulfil the role's responsibilities, and how your own writing has developed during your time at Queen's.
- A 2-page writing sample from *any* undergraduate course.

We are particularly interested in taking on volunteers with experience or interest in working with underrepresented communities, including people of colour, Indigenous communities, and students with disabilities.

SASS is still working hard to support students in a remote environment. If you are hired into our programs, we will work with you to gain experience in these roles whether they are delivered remotely or in person.