

Title: Undergraduate Eco-Ambassador

Job Description:

UMBC's Office of Sustainability seeks to employ responsible and dependable undergraduate students in the UMBC Eco-Ambassador program. The program cultivates environmental responsibility by training student leaders to promote sustainable practices at the University and encouraging environmentally responsible behaviors among peers.

Eco-Ambassadors are responsible for building strong relationships with campus stakeholders (i.e. Residence Life, Student Groups, etc.) to build community and partner to produce productive programming. Eco-Ambassadors are not advocates for policy change; rather they are resources and educators for daily lifestyle choices that are within the control of individual students, such as waste reduction, energy efficiency, transportation and food choices.

Eco-Ambassadors will report to the Office of Sustainability and will, as a collaborative effort, conducting two (2) out-reach campaigns per semester. All Eco-Ambassadors will implement these campaigns simultaneously across campus. Eco-Ambassadors serve in introductory student leadership roles and are vital members of the UMBC Sustainability Matters effort.

Eco-Ambassadors are expected to commit no more than 3 hours per week, during the semester, and will be required to attend monthly team meeting. Hours of commitment typically occur between 8 AM and 4.30 PM M-F.

Job Requirements:

1. Campaign Execution: Work with campus partners to tailor programming for each campaign. This includes creating, advertising, executing and measuring each program with the guidance of your manager and help from your teammates.
2. Personal Projects: Create and implement a custom sustainability project that will benefit UMBC. Work with appropriate stakeholders to ensure a successful outcome. These projects are supported by the Office of Sustainability and may be done in groups if they are of a greater scale.
3. General Sustainability Support: Eco-Ambassadors are often called on to help support campus-wide or department-specific sustainability initiatives. Eco-Ambassadors are expected to sign up for shifts to help as needed. This includes attending student club meetings, conducting Green Office Certifications, attending Climate Action Steering Committees and work-group meetings.
4. Peer-to-Peer Education: Eco-Ambassadors are expected to lead with examples of sustainable lifestyle choices in order to encourage environmentally responsible behaviors among peers.
5. Relationship Building: Serve as the point of contact for your students and clubs interested in sustainability and act as a resource for your peers. Form partnerships with
6. Communications: Work with the Office of Sustainability to clearly communicate sustainability related activities on campus. Solicit feedback from our campus community and identify opportunities for improved sustainability efforts.
7. Active Participant: Attend all scheduled meetings and training sessions.
8. Perform other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

1. **A sophomore, junior, or senior who will be on-campus for the duration of the academic year. Graduate student applications will NOT be considered.**
2. Commitment to sustainability and desire to improve sustainability/eco-friendly behaviors on campus. Commitment to represent the University in positive and productive manner.
3. Basic understanding of Climate Change.
4. Interest in the relationship between sustainability and one, or more, of the following areas: Energy, Transportation, Research/Education, and/or Waste Reduction/Recycling.
5. Ability to easily engage with others.
6. Independent worker who does not need to have to demonstrate success.
7. Demonstrates that they are reliable and responsible.
8. Ability to maintain academic performance (minimum GPA of 2.8 required) and succeed at work.

Desired Skills:

1. Understanding of environmental issues and existing campus sustainability priorities and programs.
2. Full academic year commitment is strongly preferred but not always required.

Skills/Experience Acquired:

Career Readiness Competencies: Teamwork/Collaboration, Professionalism/Work Ethic, Career Management

1. Increased understanding of event planning, marketing and campus sustainability objectives.
2. Improved time management, presentation/public speaking, teamwork and facilitation skills.
3. Stronger connections to staff, students, faculty and departments engaged in sustainability work on campus.

Compensation:

1. Stipend: \$250.00 per semester