



## **Psychologists' Association of Alberta (PAA) Campus Representative Position**

### **Position Objective**

To ensure that Alberta-based undergraduate and graduate students of psychology are informed of the Psychologists' Association of Alberta (PAA), including its initiatives and events.

### **Term**

Campus Representatives are appointed to their role for a 1-year term (May-April) or until they cease student membership status with the PAA. Terms are renewable for additional terms providing these criteria continue to be met.

### **Position Description**

As a PAA Campus Representative, you will act as a liaison and facilitate communication between the University, its students, and the Student Director on the Board of Directors. Your expectations include being available to students within your University and Program to answer any questions about the PAA and student membership with the PAA. As a PAA Campus Representative, you are encouraged to engage in activities intended to inform students about the PAA and the profession of psychology. The PAA encourages and supports you to be actively involved with the students in your program, with the PAA/CAP Annual Development Day, and with the Student Community on PAA Collaborate, among many other initiatives.

### **Responsibilities:**

Among your responsibilities, you are encouraged to:

- Work alongside the incoming Student Director of the PAA Board of Directors, Vanessa Siso).
- Have regularized communications with students in their program (at least three times per year) to provide an update on PAA Initiatives & allow student communication and feedback.
- Ensure that psychology students (members and non-members) are informed about the organization's mission and are encouraged to become involved.
- Participate in bi-monthly conference calls with the Student Director and other Campus Representatives (you will be notified of these meetings in advance, and your availability will be considered before the meeting schedule is determined). Participation includes collecting and raising relevant student topics for discussion.
- Promote upcoming events organized by the PAA.
- Host a PAA Information Session for students interested in learning more about the association.
- Submit the material required so that the PAA may profile you on their website.

- Be an active and contributing member of the Student Community on [PAA Collaborate](#).
- “Join” the PAA Student Group on [Facebook](#)
- Plan and implement other activities either on campus or online according to student needs and your schedule (e.g., information sessions, workshops, etc.).

### **Qualifications:**

**Training** – must be a current student member of PAA and registered in a recognized graduate or undergraduate program in psychology, in good standing with the association

**Skills** – excellent communication, organizational, administration, and online skills; strong networking/relational skills, team player, strong collaborator; positive

**Abilities** – able to commit to 6 two-hour meetings plus one campus presentation yearly

**Interests** – psychology as a profession, advocacy, public education, professional education

### **Reporting:**

PAA Campus Representatives are responsible to the current Student Director of the PAA board. Any communications with members will be cleared with the Student Director. Only the President, the CEO or a designated spokesperson shall speak on behalf of the Association.

### **Benefits:**

Becoming a PAA Campus Representative offers many benefits, including:

- Cultivating a better understanding of PAA and the role of the association
- Developing a variety of professional and leadership skills (e.g., public speaking, presentation delivery and coordination, networking, advocacy, etc.)
- Opportunities to network and connect with:
  - Students in psychology, both at your institution and across the province
  - Registered Psychologists working in a variety of capacities within Alberta
- Establishing a foundation within the profession of psychology before the completion of your degree