



Student Educational Developer Program: 2018-2019 Call for Applications

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

The purpose of the MacPherson Institute's **SED Program** is to offer an experiential learning and service opportunity to students who are interested in learning about educational development and who are keen to help support and improve teaching and learning at McMaster and beyond.

Student Educational Developers will work closely with MacPherson Institute staff and two graduate student Leads to develop and refine educational development skills while serving the campus community. Some of these opportunities will include, but are not limited to:

- Consulting with faculty and students about teaching;
- Assessing teaching needs in faculties, programs, and departments;
- Planning, facilitating, and evaluating workshops;
- Developing print and online resources;
- Teaching observations and consultations;
- Reviewing the literature on teaching and learning;
- Other teaching related projects as they emerge.

Program Details

Length: July 2018 – April 2019

Expected commitment: 10 hours/week, with peak periods in August and September

Rate of Pay: \$16/hour

Successful candidates will be expected to:

- Commit to spending 10 hours a week at the MacPherson Institute, meeting with and shadowing educational developers, and practicing evidence-based educational development skills;
- Attend regular meetings with the SED Program Lead and other MacPherson staff;
- Read and discuss appropriate literature to inform educational development practice;
- Build relationships with MacPherson staff, campus partners (including specific Faculties), and other educational developers;
- Develop professional development goals that identify the specific knowledge, skills and attributes they will need to be successful in the Program and how to achieve these competencies;



- Maintain a learning or educational development portfolio that captures their reflections on learning experiences, challenges and successes within the SED Program;
- Offer feedback and help to shape the SED Program for future participants.

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;
- A [MacPherson Institute Teaching and Learning Certificate of Completion](#) or the completion of several EDUCATN courses (or similar programming at another institution);
- Evidence of engagement in other teaching and learning initiatives which may include but are not limited to:
 - 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

Please submit a CV and cover letter that indicates the skills, experiences, and interests you would bring to the Program. Applications will be accepted until **June 27 at 12:00 p.m.** (noon) and should be addressed to Dr. Erin Aspenlieder c/o Dr. Elliot Storm at storme@mcmaster.ca. Interviews will be held on July 6 and 9; only successful candidates will be contacted.