

LEAPS Volunteer Role Description

Name of Role: LEAPS Student Workshop Volunteer

Organisation details: LEAPS is a widening participation programme which strives to increase progression to higher education. We aim to encourage and advise students who are traditionally under-represented in higher education (at college or university) and we currently work with state secondary schools throughout South East Scotland, supporting pupils who match LEAPS eligibility criteria. More information can be found here: <https://leapsonline.org/>

Outline of role: Volunteers will use their university experience to help support workshops delivered by LEAPS staff in high schools across south-east Scotland. Volunteers will work in small groups of these pupils during workshops and share insight into university life. These workshops are designed to give pupils an insight into university life and allow students to make more informed decisions around choosing a course or university. The workshops also aim to inspire and prepare eligible pupils for university.

Skills, Attitudes and Experience needed: We are looking for volunteers who are:

- Keen to share their experience of university
- Happy to speak in front of small groups of high school pupils
- Friendly
- Enthusiastic
- Sensitive to pupils' needs

Requirements: Volunteers must be current undergraduate students from either:

- Edinburgh Napier University
- Heriot Watt University
- Queen Margaret University
- Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Stirling

Benefits to the volunteer:

- Experience of working in a high school setting
- Learn workshop delivery and youth work skills
- Full training
- Free transport to schools

Where will the role be based? The role will be based in our [Group 1 and 1+ high schools](#) across Edinburgh, the Lothians, Borders, Clackmannanshire and Forth Valley. Occasionally there may be workshops on-campus at one of the Universities listed above.

When does this role take place? Volunteers can support a many or as few workshops as they wish. There is no minimum commitment and we encourage volunteers to try out a session. Workshops typically last a school period which is maximum 1 hour.

Support available: Full training will be provided and free transport will be offered for school workshops. Volunteers will be managed directly by a member of staff.

Any questions? If you have any questions please email LEAPSVolunteers@ed.ac.uk or phone the main office number on 07774336265.