**Student Medical Response Peer Helper**  
**Position Description**

**Position Title:** Student Medical Response Peer Helper  
**Department:** SU Wellness Centre  
**Term:** Fall 2019/Winter 2020  
**Number of Positions:** Approximately 12  
**Hours:** 4 - 8 hours per week  
**Length of Position:** September 2019 – Ongoing

This is a competitive student leadership volunteer opportunity open to all University of Calgary students.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

SMR works in conjunction with the University of Calgary’s SU Wellness Centre, and Campus Security to provide on call emergency medical response to the campus community, and standby services to event participants at UCalgary events. SMR is a registered Medical First Response agency with Alberta Health Services Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

As a volunteer, you will be required to provide emergency medical assistance to the campus community during day to day on call response and at major UCalgary events. This will require you to interact and work in a team with SMR volunteers, campus security, fire fighters, paramedics, and police. All volunteers are expected to fulfill their responsibilities in a safe manner, while adhering to the professional standards set out by the University procedures, and policies. Please note that this volunteer position requires a reasonable degree of physical fitness such as the ability to lift over 35 pounds and may involve periods of standing and/or sitting. Experience in medicine, nursing, Athletic Therapy, emergency services, physiotherapy and other allied health professions are an asset. However, the position is open to students in all programs and career goals.

**TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

In conjunction with Campus Security, provide medical first response to medical emergencies on campus  
- Provide initial medical care to injured or sick individuals at various UCalgary events  
- Attend regular training programs and meetings  
- Maintain patient confidentiality and respect  
- Minimum shift commitment of two 4-8 hours per month plus monthly training  
- Other duties as assigned.
BENEFITS:
- Free Training in Advanced Medical First Responder and Healthcare Provider CPR (Exceeds Standard First Aid) depending on the year of study and demonstration of sufficient commitment to the team
- Ability to add experience to official UCalgary co-curricular record
- Develop leadership skills and the abilities to think quickly, and manage stress in emergent settings
- The opportunity to attend major UCalgary events free of cost
- Gain valuable experience towards possible career options in medicine, nursing, and/or medical first responder (firefighting, EMS)
- Develop critical thinking and team work necessary to succeed in any professional environment
- Gain first hand exposure to a wide variety of community resources including EMS, Fire, and nursing
- Opportunity to get involved and give back to your UCalgary community
- Experience unique opportunities such as competing in provincial first responder competitions
- Become part of the Peer Helper community throughout offices across campus
- Valuable leadership training opportunities provided to all UCalgary Peer Helpers
- StrengthsQuest Assessment code to identify your “Top 5 Themes of Talent’’

COMMITMENT:
The time commitment of this position is on average 4-8 hours per week. Your hourly commitments may include:
- Monthly training meetings required to be attended by all SMR Members
- Time spent on medical standby at special events

PEER HELPER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
The Peer Helper Program is made up of over 300 students every year, who are involved in 19 different on-campus offices. Part of being a Peer Helper involves ongoing professional development, and in 2019-2020, all Peer Helpers will complete the online training offered in the Fall.

QUALIFICATIONS:
- Demonstrated professionalism, maturity and good judgment;
- Strong ability to work in a team environment
  - Conscientious and dedicated attitude necessary to complete training and practice requirements
  - Professional and respectful demeanor to uphold patient trust and confidentiality at all times
  - Current Standard First Aid, CPR-C Certification from one of the following: Canadian Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, Lifesaving Society of Canada, Heart & Stroke Foundation, or Canadian Ski Patrol
  - Previous experience in nursing, medicine, lifeguarding, ski patrolling, or first aid is helpful, but is not required; all programs and all years considered
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- In good academic standing;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint (or Pages and Keynote); and
- Have experience working with student groups.
• As the Peer Helper Program is meant to enhance the student experience and supplement academic learning, all Peer Helpers must demonstrate their ability to balance their academics with their extracurricular commitments, and must be in good academic standing.
• All Peer Helpers must be in good standing with the Office of Student Conduct.

CONDUCT STATEMENT
This position requires students to be in good conduct standing for non-academic misconduct. Students who are not in good conduct standing have an active sanction of “Probation for Non-Academic Misconduct” that has been assigned through formal conduct proceedings per the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy. Students are informed in writing of the sanction by the Student Conduct Office. Note: Involvement in the Non-Academic Misconduct process does not automatically mean a student is not in good conduct standing; this applies only to those students who have been assigned the sanction of Probation for Non-Academic Misconduct. If you have been found responsible of a violation of the Non-Academic Misconduct Policy and you are unsure if you have received this sanction, please contact conduct@ucalgary.ca. Please note that in submitting your application, you are verifying that you are in good conduct standing and consent to this being verified by the Student Conduct Office. Note that details of non-academic misconduct cases are not shared through this process.

APPLICATION PROCESS
To apply, fill out the application form on the next page by **4:30pm** on October 15th, 2019 to be considered for the major intake. **However, applications can still be submitted following this date.** The application form can be found here: [www.ucalgary.ca/peerhelper/apply/application-form](http://www.ucalgary.ca/peerhelper/apply/application-form). If you have any questions, please direct them to [php@ucalgary.ca](mailto:php@ucalgary.ca) or [smrt@ucalgary.ca](mailto:smrt@ucalgary.ca).
Student Medical Response Team Volunteer Application Form

Name:

UCID:

Email:

Phone number:

Undergrad or Graduate Faculty:

Year presently enrolled in:

Current Training (Check next to any you have):

- Standard First Aid*
- Medical First Responder (MFR)
- Emergency Medical Responder - EMR (ACP Registered)
- Emergency Medical Technician – EMT/PCP (ACP registered)
- Paramedic - EMT-P/ACP (ACP Registered)
- RN
- Canadian Ski Patrol
- First Aid
- Aquatic Emergency Care

Other:

*Please note the prerequisite for application is a current Standard First Aid, CPR-C Certification from one of the following: Canadian Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, Lifesaving Society of Canada, Heart & Stroke Foundation, or Canadian Ski Patrol.

Please list any experience you feel to be relevant in the consideration of your application to the team:

Why would you like to be part of the team?

Please attach this completed form, as well as an up-to-date resume/CV, and send via email to Russell.Thomson@ucalgary.ca AND smrt@ucalgary.ca with the subject line “SMR Peer Helper Application.”

Thank you for applying to be part of the UofC SMR team! We appreciate your interest! Successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.