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## Volunteer Opportunity McGill Sustainable Lab Ambassadors (2023-2024)

### Position

Sustainable Lab Ambassador

### Overview

The Sustainable Lab Ambassadors Program is an academic year-long volunteering opportunity for students to promote sustainable lab resources and practices in the McGill community (September 2023 - April 2024). The program offers a platform for students to apply their skills and creativity to strengthen sustainability at McGill.

Sustainable Lab Ambassadors will help to build a culture of sustainability on campus by informing McGill's lab users of resources and practices that promote sustainability in teaching and research labs. Sustainable Lab Ambassadors will gain experience in sustainability education and community engagement, help promote McGill's zero-waste and carbon neutrality targets in lab contexts, meet new people, and have fun!

### Duties

- Attend in-person volunteer training in mid-September (September 14 or 15 to be confirmed, duration: 1.5 hours)
- Additional training:
  - Complete My Green Lab Ambassador training by the end of September.
  - Complete the [McGill Sustainability Module](#) or one [SKILLS21 workshop](#) offered through the Office of Sustainability.
- Attend in-person campus events/activities for the research and lab-based community, provide information on Sustainable Labs resources (e.g., Sustainable Labs Guide, Green Labs Fund, etc.) and guidance on the Sustainable Labs Certification and the International Freezer Challenge,
- Conduct short presentations to lab-based students, staff, and faculty on waste sorting, energy conservation and other sustainable practices in labs.

### Qualifications

- Current or recent experience working in a lab at McGill (i.e., a teaching or research space where there are chemical, biological, radioactive, or other hazardous materials, hazardous instruments or equipment used, or hazardous processes being performed,
- Autonomy and resourcefulness: you can work independently and get the job done,
- Communication skills: you feel comfortable talking in front of crowds and approaching peers to talk about sustainable lab resources and practices,
- Teamwork: you enjoy being a part of a team, working alongside peers, and offering your skills to further projects,
- Ability to take a systematic approach to accomplishing your tasks and reporting on your achievements,
- A commitment to sustainability.



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## Hours

Average of 2-3 hours per week (minimum 2 hours) during the fall and winter semesters, with fluctuations based on the needs of outreach events on certain weeks. Ambassadors will not have any responsibilities during examination periods.

## How we will support you

- We will give you all the tools and resources you need to make your mission successful (e.g., training, advanced notice of events and activities, sustainability best practices, promotional material, networks, organizational tips, etc.).
- We will provide a passionate work environment with a dynamic, supportive, and caring team.
- We will work to adapt to your schedule as a student.
- We will work to help you grow personally and professionally through your work.
- We will add your volunteer commitment to your myInvolvement co-curricular record at the end of each semester.
- We will write letters of recommendation for exemplary ambassadors' applications to internships, jobs, etc.

## How to apply

Please fill and submit the [online application form](#) by **Tuesday, September 5 at 11:59 p.m.**

For more information, contact Kimberly John, Sustainability Officer, at [kimberly.john@mcgill.ca](mailto:kimberly.john@mcgill.ca).

*The McGill Office of Sustainability (MOOS) values the contributions that individuals who identify as members of marginalized communities bring to our organization, and encourages women, Indigenous people, people of colour, people identifying as LGBTTTQI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer, intersex), members of ethnic minorities, immigrants, and people with disabilities to apply. On the application form, please indicate if you consider yourself to be a member of one of these groups and would like to be considered as such for the purpose of this recruitment process.*