



Widening Access Student Ambassadors (November 2023 – June

The Widening Access department supports the University in implementing its strategic goals in widening participation and access to Higher Education for under-represented groups in Scotland. The department works closely with schools and colleges in the local and wider region to provide outreach and engagement activities. Our aim is to develop young people's confidence, skills, and motivation, encouraging pupils to aspire to and succeed in higher education.

We are seeking to recruit enthusiastic current RGU students who will be continuing their studies in 2023-24 to work as Student Ambassadors on a variety of the Widening Access outreach, engagement, activities, and events. The primary requirement of the role is to work with school pupils underrepresented backgrounds in gaining access to Higher Education or Further Education with articulation routes to university. There may also be opportunities to provide ad hoc support to help with the preparation for and attendance at events organised by the department.

Student Ambassadors are involved in many key parts of Widening Access' work, including:

- Providing support to school pupils undertaking an 'Access To' programme and assisting academic and Access staff in the delivery of subject specific early-evening sessions (November to December)
- Assisting with applicant engagement activities to support the transition to RGU
- Helping at key events on and off-campus designed to build ambition, support potential applicants, and prepare young people for the transition to university
- Contributing to projects that aim to further enhance the learning experience
- Assisting with staff and student-facing events, which could include preparing student packs, leaflet distribution, registering attendees and providing support during events
- Participating in focus groups designed to measure and enhance the student experience at RGU
- Supporting initiatives designed to enable students to successfully transition from college to University
- Assisting in applicant and student engagement activities, which may include social media management and engaging with applicants and students on campus, virtually and through telephone calls.

RESPONSIBLE TO: Regional Schools Engagement Manager

RESPONSIBLE FOR: N/A

As a Student Ambassador you would benefit from:

- £11.01 per hour
- Flexible working hours to fit around your studies
- The opportunity to inspire young people to achieve their maximum potential whatever their circumstances
- Valuable work experience and the chance to develop skills that will enhance your CV and employability
- Training will be provided

Person Specification

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

A current RGU student who is continuing their studies in 2023-24

We are particularly interested in hearing from students who:

- Have experience articulating from college and also school leavers from the region
- Are studying a degree which links with our 'Access To' project subject areas:
 - Art, Design
 - Architecture
 - Business and Management
 - Law
 - Engineering
 - Nursing, Midwifery, and Paramedic Practice
 - Computing
 - Journalism and Media
 - Allied Health Professions
 - Pharmacy and Life Sciences
 - Tourism, Hospitality and Events
 - Applied Social Sciences

Knowledge and experience

- Demonstrable experience of working with young people
- Knowledge of issues facing young people and prospective university students, especially those from under-represented groups and areas of deprivation or those follow articulation routes from college

Behaviour

- Ability to inspire young people to help maximise potential
- Displays commitment to equal opportunities for all young people and passion for their subject/Higher Education
- Communicates in a friendly, approachable, and outgoing way
- Shows empathy and patience

- Demonstrates Initiative and ability to work independently
- Good organisation skills with the ability to manage different priorities and balance commitments
- Be available for ambassador training and planning sessions (**October/November 2023**)
- Reliable and punctual

We welcome applications from students who:

- Have attended an RGU partner school (Hazlehead, Northfield, St Machar, Lochside (Torry & Kincorth), Harlaw, Bucksburn, Fraserburgh, Turriff or Peterhead Academy) or ASPIRE North, FOCUS West, LEAPS or LIFT OFF schools
- Have participated in either Northern Lights, Access To or ACES sessions
- Have attended an RGU partner college (NESCOL, Dundee & Angus, Fife, City of Glasgow, Glasgow Clyde, Forth Valley).
- Have been in care or have been a young carer

Hours and contract duration

Hours of work:

The number of hours worked each week will be variable, but most activities will take place during term time.

'Access To' courses are the main project during Semester 1 and involve weekly evening sessions, which are compulsory for Ambassadors and a central part of the role. **This programme commences on the 6th November 2023 and will run on campus. Student Ambassadors are required to attend training on ahead of the start of the programme.**

From Semester 2, there will be a number of hours available for work on an ad-hoc basis in school and college engagement activities as well as on-campus events.

Contract duration:

Contracts run from November 2023 to June 2024 inclusive.

How to Apply

Please submit a CV and covering letter to access@rgu.ac.uk by 6th October 2023.

The Widening Access team offers a flexible interview process via MS Teams.

For more information about the role, please contact our team on 01224 263048 or access@rgu.ac.uk