

JOB POSTING: OTTAWA LOCAL STUDENT COORDINATOR, STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT



The Student Christian Movement of Canada (SCM) is a progressive student movement on university campuses engaged in faith and social justice. Since 1921, students have led the SCM in exploring and challenging the Christian tradition and its meaning in society and culture. With members from all Christian denominations and places of spiritual seeking, SCM seeks to build communities where friendship, critical thinking and political action can flourish. The SCM strives to practice anti-oppression principles – queer affirming, anti-racist, and decolonizing - and to create an environment where all are welcomed and empowered.

An SCM chapter in Ottawa was re-initiated at UofO in fall 2024. Since then, the group has been involved with advocacy and prayer for Palestine, solidarity with the people of Cuba, and more. The group's student coordinator has stepped down to focus on graduate studies, and so SCM is looking for a new student to take a leadership role.

SCM is seeking a student or young person in Ottawa who is interested in assuming leadership of the Ottawa SCM unit. Applicants must be passionate about building open & inclusive, social justice-focussed Christian community and will ideally have some experience in group/club leadership and/or community organizing. Applicants who are interested in building a french-english bilingual SCM unit are especially encouraged.

Ideal Qualifications

- Passion for action on faith and social justice issues
- Ability to articulate one's faith and spirituality
- Knowledge of Christian theology and ability to facilitate ecumenical conversations
- Knowledge of major current social justice issues, locally and nationally/globally
- Capacity to recruit and empower student leadership
- Skills and experience in communication, organization and group/event facilitation
- Current student status & familiarity with the university context at U of O or Carleton
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively
- Commitment to creating LGBTQ+ affirming, anti-racist, and decolonizing spaces

The job requirements above describe the ideal candidate. Applicants who are passionate about this opportunity and meet many but not all of the qualifications are encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities

- Outreach, engagement, and relationship building with students on campus to build group membership
- Network with other student groups on campus and supportive faith leaders
- Plan, promote, and organize regular programs/events for the SCM in collaboration with membership
- If possible, seek and maintain student club status

- Meet regularly and as much as needed with the National Coordinator to check in on activities and for guidance and support, and provide brief written reports on local unit activities/progress at least once a semester
- Promote SCM National programs
- Steward and use SCM resources and tools responsibly, including keeping general records of activities, and documenting expenses for reimbursement
- Cultivate relationships with local senior friends and supportive clergy/chaplains, in order to help build continuity and longevity. Help to identify and mentor potential future student leaders

Accountability:

This position is accountable to the SCM Board of Directors, via the National Coordinator.

Hours and remuneration:

5 hours per week at 23.50\$ an hour.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Please submit your CV/Resume and a cover letter describing your interest in the role to bailey@scmcanada.org by September 30th, 2026.