

# Eco-Reps: Sustainability Peer Educators for Residential Life and the Office of Sustainability

Eco-Reps are students, RAs, or HMs that work as peer educators and are committed to creating a culture of sustainability at UAlbany. The position welcomes students from diverse majors and backgrounds to encourage sustainable behaviors in the residence halls and throughout campus through programming and communications. Upon completion of all obligations, students will receive monetary payment or course credit.

## What do Sustainability Peer Educators do?

- Educates peers on sustainable behaviors in the residence halls and apartments
- Connect with other students, faculty, student organizations, and staff (Office of Sustainability, Facilities Management, UAS, Sodexo, Residential Life, etc.)
- Assist with sustainability projects and sustainability events on campus related to waste reduction, energy and water conservation, food systems, alternative mobility and environmental justice.

## General Requirements:

- Attend in-person, bi-weekly meetings during the semester
- Follow the UAlbany Green Scene social media accounts and LIVEgreen listserv
- Participate in sustainability programs and events

## RA and HM Requirements:

- Communicate programming and initiatives of the Office of Sustainability by maintaining and updating their sustainability-themed bulletin board (on Quads) or by posting alternative forms of communications (in Apartments) at least once a semester. Materials can be sent to the Eco-Rep coordinator for posting on the official social media accounts of the sustainability office and/or ResLife
- Serve as the point person for sustainability matters for their quad/apartment complex and the liaison for quad events to coordinate with the Office of Sustainability calendar
- Provide sustainability updates at All-Staff meetings

## As an Eco-Rep, you will gain:

- Strong leadership, communication and peer education skills
- A greater understanding of sustainability and its environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts at the local and global scale
- Experience working with other passionate students, faculty, staff and campus organizations

Peer educators are eligible for a monetary stipend per semester or RSSW credit through the CPSP Program upon the satisfactory completion of the above requirements. Value of monetary stipend depends on the level of involvement and contributions made.