

Sustainability Volunteer Program

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Seneca's Sustainability Volunteer Program (SVP) gives students the opportunity to promote environmental events and initiatives on campus through peer-to-peer education, outreach and general support.

Volunteers receive training and work with a team of like-minded peers to educate, communicate and support the sustainable initiatives on campus. Volunteer work is guided by a Sustainability Manager in collaboration with Applied Research and the Seneca Farm.

The program has three focus areas that students can support. They can choose one or do a mix.

Events and outreach

Champion the Office of Sustainability's mission to embed sustainability awareness and action across the institution by supporting gatherings, fostering community connections and amplifying engagement. From supporting our Instagram presence to crafting compelling articles, your role will shape the campus sustainability narrative and awareness.

Waste education and engagement

Help teach students and staff about proper disposal practices, the importance of reducing waste and initiatives to do so. You will be trained and strategically placed on campus and at events to educate the Seneca community and improve waste diversion.

Farm and gardens

Seneca is expanding our campus garden and farm projects to support local and sustainable food, reduce emissions and contribute to urban agriculture research. As an ambassador, you'll assist with tasks like transplanting, watering and harvesting. You'll also transport the harvest to various locations and support farm events and engagement activities.





What you'll gain

- a deeper understanding of sustainability and the Seneca initiatives and departments working to promote it on campus
- an opportunity to build leadership, communication and presentation skills
- a network of like-minded students in a fun and friendly environment
- a sustainable mindset and habits across every aspect of your life
- a jar of honey, after volunteering with this program for at least six hours

Qualifications

- an outgoing and friendly attitude that will represent Seneca in a positive manner
- strong communication skills; you feel comfortable talking in front of crowds and introducing projects to groups of students
- currently enrolled as a Seneca student

Commitment

Sustainability volunteers are expected to:

- attend one mandatory orientation and training session each semester
- commit to a minimum of five hours per semester

Volunteer hours are arranged in the following ways:

- drop-in - check the SVP teams calendar available to students and pick an available shift that works for you
- scheduled ahead - select the position and time you're available for in advance, with more than 2 weeks before the engaging activity or a drop-in 48 hours before the activity if a last-minute opportunity becomes available.
- long term - commit to working in a specific position for the entire semester, with weekly hours and the flexibility to choose different days of the week, based on your other responsibilities

Applications are now closed. The applications for the winter semester will open on January 2025.

[review the SVP guide.](#)

Questions?

Email us at sustainability@senecapolytechnic.ca

Resources

- [Sustainability Guide](#)
- [Sustainability Plan](#)
- [Sustainable Seneca Website](#)
- [World Wildlife Fund Living Planet @Campus](#)
- [The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education – Campus Sustainability Hub](#) * Note: you need to register with your Seneca email to access this site

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