

Volunteer Application Information

Thank you for your interest in volunteering with The Landing! Please read the following information carefully before completing the volunteer application.

Our Services

The Landing is a student space for gender and sexual diversity at the University of Alberta.

We offer:

- Drop-in hours (Fall/Winter) on Monday to Wednesday from 10am-2pm and on Thursday from 10am-6pm
- Peer mentorship, support, resources, and referrals for students working through issues around gender and sexual identity and related stressors
- Education sessions for students and staff of all genders and sexualities
- Awareness campaigns, advocacy, outreach, and events
- Volunteer opportunities

The Landing's Values

The Landing exists as an inclusive, welcoming space for all students. We believe in creating an environment that is:

- Respectful of confidential and/or personal information
- Inclusive of all genders and sexualities
- Welcoming of all definitions of family
- Trans inclusive
- Body positive
- Pro-feminism
- Anti-oppressive
- Sex positive

Volunteers must be comfortable providing friendly and non-judgmental services to people of all sexualities, genders, and romantic or relational orientations; all ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds; and all physical and mental dis/abilities.

The Landing and its volunteers actively endeavour to identify and address intersecting systems of oppression, including but not limited to homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, racism, colonization, xenophobia, ableism, sexism, classism, and sizeism.

We respectfully recognize that the University of Alberta, and therefore The Landing, is located on the traditional territory of First Nations (Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Sioux) and Métis people. The U of A is on Papaschase Cree territory, Treaty 6, and we honor that land.

Volunteer Expectations & Roles

All volunteers must:

- Be current U of A students or recent alumni (graduated < 2 years ago)
- Agree to The Landing's policies and guiding values
- Attend all mandatory volunteer training (30 hours in September)
- Attend a monthly Professional Development session (avg. 2 hours)
- Commit an average of approximately 3-5 hours per week of volunteer time (varies by time of year and role)
- Choose one of 3 specialized volunteer roles and complete additional tasks and training as needed to fulfill responsibilities
- Identify within the broad umbrella of LGGBTTQQUIPAN+ (*Lesbian, Gay, Genderqueer, Bisexual, Trans, Two-Spirit, Queer, Questioning, Unlabelled or Unidentified, Intersex, Pansexual, Asexual, Non-Binary, and **much more***) AND / OR demonstrate an earnest and ongoing commitment to working in solidarity with these communities

Specialized Roles (Teams):

1. Peer Mentorship ("Rainbow Peers")
 - Requires the greatest level of time commitment (5+ hours/week)
 - Attend up to **15 hours** of additional training on peer support skills
 - Co-facilitate weekly small group support sessions for students wanting additional peer mentorship support
2. Community Engagement
 - Awareness tabling and postering
 - Public event planning and implementation
 - Organize internal socializing events and activities for volunteers
3. Resource Development
 - Develop awareness campaigns and print resources
 - Assist in maintaining website and social media
 - Collect and maintain resources for the drop-in space (e.g. book library, zines, service referrals, pamphlets, etc)

Volunteer Time Commitment

Volunteering with The Landing requires a significant time commitment. Volunteers must minimally be available for the following commitment levels:

Tentative Training Schedule (32 hours total):

Date	Time
Wednesday, August 19	5:30-8pm
Friday, August 21	5:30-8pm
Saturday, August 22	10am-4pm
Sunday, August 23	10am-4pm
Tuesday, August 25	5:30-9pm
Thursday, August 27	5:30-8pm
Saturday, August 29	10am-4pm
Sunday, August 30	1-4pm (followed by optional social event)

***Attendance at **ALL** training dates is **mandatory**.

Shifts During Drop-In Hours

All volunteers are required to be on shift for a minimum of **2 hours per week**. One volunteer must be on shift at all times during drop-in hours (Monday to Wednesday, 10am-2pm and Thursday, 10am-6pm).

Volunteers are responsible for scheduling their own shift times, and for tracking and submitting their volunteer hours on a weekly basis.

During shifts, volunteers will be available to provide informal support to visitors who drop in by creating a friendly, welcoming environment. This can include having a casual conversation, offering a cup of tea, making a referral to a Landing group or other services on or off campus, offering resources, or simply keeping them company in the space. If there are no visitors in The Landing, volunteers will complete tasks to maintain the drop-in space or work on projects related to their team.

Volunteer Application 2015

Please fill out this form and return it by email to thelanding@su.ualberta.ca or in person at 0-68A Lower Level Students' Union Building. **The application deadline for 2015 is July 15th.**

Note: *Individuals who struggle with written expression are welcome to set up a meeting at The Landing for assistance in completing the application form.*

Basic Information

Date of Application	
Full Legal Name	
Name (if different than above)	
Faculty/Program and Year	
Date of Birth & Age	
Mailing Address	
Phone Number	
UAlberta Email Address	

Gender and/or Sexual Identity (OPTIONAL)

How did you hear about this volunteer opportunity?

Availability

Please attach your class schedule on a separate page. What other commitments do you have for the upcoming academic year? (e.g. work, volunteering, clubs, etc)

Volunteer training takes approximately 30 hours in August and is scheduled on weekday evenings and weekends. Please look carefully at the attached draft training schedule (subject to change).

Are you available to attend all of this mandatory training?

Volunteering

How do you feel that volunteering with The Landing would benefit you personally and/or professionally? (max 150 words)

Experience

Please attach a separate 1 page resume that briefly describes your volunteer, education, and work experience.

What is your experience working, volunteering, or participating in or with gender minority and/or LGBTTQIAPN+ communities? (*Lesbian, Gay, Genderqueer, Bisexual, Trans, Two-Spirit, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Pansexual, Non-Binary, and more*) (max 200 words)

**Provide a brief definition, in your own words, of the term *transgender*.
(max 50 words)**

**Please list in point form any additional skills or areas of expertise you have that
you feel would contribute to the overall operation of The Landing.**

References

Please provide 1-3 character references (not a friend, family member or employer). *Examples of good character references: classmate/group project member, mentor, co-volunteer, co-worker, coach, volunteer supervisor, etc*

	Reference name	Relationship to you	Phone number
1			
2			
3			

Interview Availability

Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted by email to a UAlberta account in order to schedule an interview before August.

Please indicate your general weekday availability between April and August.