
POSITION DESCRIPTION

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PEER WORKER



Location:	Parkville
Division:	Strategic Relations and Policy
Classification:	Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services Industry Award 2010, Social and Community Services Employee, Level 2
Employment Type:	Part time 0.4 ETE fixed term position until 31 May 2021
Position reports to:	Education Sector Project Manager

1. POSITION SUMMARY

This exciting new role will work within the employment and education partnerships team to assist in developing an introductory peer work training package and create digital content specifically for international students. A major component of the role requires sharing your own lived experience of mental health and experience studying as an international student in Australia.

The International Student Peer Worker will be provided with training and supervision in the principles of peer work and in the effective facilitation of training and will work with the project team and alongside external partners and international students to develop the training. Once the training is developed, the Peer Worker will work alongside a Clinical Educator to deliver training to groups of international students.

As a Peer Worker on this project you will participate in meetings with various stakeholders including international students, education providers, mental health services, government departments and community-based peer work organisations under direction of the project manager.

2. POSITION CONTEXT

Orygen has identified a need to build capacity within our workforce to drive innovative education sector and peer work programs supporting international students studying in Australia. The position will sit within the employment and education partnerships team and will contribute to the development and delivery of innovative education and peer workforce focussed projects.

3. ABOUT ORYGEN

VISION: Young people to enjoy optimal mental health as they grow into adulthood.

MISSION: Reduce the impact of mental ill-health on young people, their families and society.

Orygen is the world's leading research and knowledge translation organisation focusing on mental ill-health in young people. Working side-by-side with young people, our partners and one another, we're redefining what's possible in global research, policy, education and clinical care. Find out more on our [website](https://www.orygen.org.au).

REVOLUTION IN MIND

4. KEY RESPONSIBILITIES/OUTCOMES

The International Student Peer Worker will:

- Utilise and share lived experience of mental ill health and the experience of being an international student with other international students through the delivery of peer work training
- Work under direction of the Project Manager to ensure timely implementation of project activities
- Attend project meetings and provide input on training content and project activities
- Assist with the development of training and digital content designed for international students
- Assist the project team in promoting the project to international students and key stakeholders
- Provide basic administrative support: data entry, photocopying and word processing
- Coordinate the booking and set up of rooms for meetings and training workshops
- Attend internal peer work supervision and co-reflection sessions with the Orygen peer workforce
- Participate in staff meetings, planning forums and other professional development opportunities

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met for consideration for this position:

5.1 ESSENTIAL

- Lived experience of mental ill health and experience studying as an international student in Australia
- Willingness and ability to share own experiences around mental health and wellbeing as an international student
- Broad understanding of peer support programs available to people accessing mental health services
- Confident public speaker with the ability to engage with a broad range of people in group settings
- Willingness to learn relevant administrative procedures, including software applications
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office applications

5.2 DESIRABLE

- Training and/or qualifications in Mental Health Peer Work
- Previous experience delivering training programs or workshops

6. PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANISATIONAL KNOWLEDGE

The International Student Peer Worker will be expected to have:

- A broad understanding of the various models of peer support in the mental health sector
- Intermediate computer skills with an ability and willingness to learn new systems
- Willingness to openly engage in group co-reflection sessions with other peer workers
- A passion for engaging in positive conversations about mental health with others

7. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- All Orygen employees are required to familiarise themselves with the organisation's policies and procedures and to adhere to them at all times.
- Unrestricted right to live and work in Australia.
- A current National Police Check will be required.
- A current valid Working with Children Check is required.
- Any offer of employment is conditional upon receipt and maintenance of a satisfactory Working with Children Check.
- You may be required to work across more than one of Orygen's sites, which are currently located within the north and west of Melbourne and at 35 Poplar Road, Parkville.
- This role will initially commence work remotely from home. The successful incumbent must have confidential home office space and reliable internet connection. (In response and subject to COVID-19 pandemic responsive change to working space).