

Student Activist Coordinator Position Description

STUDENT ACTIVIST COORDINATORS (SACs) are experienced organizers responsible for coaching and onboarding new Amnesty International USA student groups nationwide. SACs are member leaders at AIUSA, serving as volunteers who provide leadership to the organization, working within the Youth & Student Program in the Grassroots Leadership and Engagement team at AIUSA. SACs develop the leadership of new AIUSA Student Group Coordinators through one-on-one meetings and coaching, engage and support groups in campaign initiatives, and facilitate connections with other student and local groups, member leaders, and AIUSA staff. With their assigned groups, SACs educate and mobilize people around campaign opportunities, support Amnesty members to be aware of policy-related issues, and guide new groups through their first year with AIUSA.

Responsibilities

- Train and coach assigned AIUSA student group coordinators through regular (at least monthly) one-on-one meetings, multi-group calls and/or meetings, and online and in-person training
- Engage assigned student groups in mobilization on key campaigns, issue education, membership recruitment, leadership development, and fundraising
- Stay up to date and educated on Amnesty International and general human rights issues, campaigns, policies and current events
- Take part in organizational consultations and planning, including collaboration with YLA leaders, other AIUSA member leaders, and staff on organizational priorities and other internal matters
- As part of the national SAC team, actively participate online and in person by sharing successes and challenges, brainstorm organizing strategies and campaign tactics, and identify resources or other needs to enhance youth activism

Qualifications

- Experience with activism, organizing, and/or campaigning around human rights or other social justice issues
- Understanding of and commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) and how it pertains to social change work
- Demonstrated success working with volunteers and in groups, including strong interpersonal skills
- 1 year experience with AIUSA (one academic year is sufficient)
- Ability to take initiative and develop creative solutions to challenges
- Strong organizational skills and ability to manage large amounts of information coming from multiple sources (email, text, web, etc)
- Effective communication skills, specifically the ability to engage with youth activists and develop meaningful relationships

Requirements

- Age 15-24 at time of application
- Average commitment of 15 hours per month for 2 years (June through May each year); 1 year terms will be considered
- Participate in monthly calls with the full YLA team and one on one meetings with staff as needed
- Attend the annual SAC member leader training (all expenses are covered by AIUSA)
- Maintain ongoing communication with AIUSA staff and member leaders via Slack, email, and/or text
- Become an official dues-paid (\$15/year) or dues-waived member of AIUSA
- Develop an annual workplan and submit brief monthly reporting on activities
- Participate in semi-annual self-assessment and evaluation with AIUSA staff