



PALS Study Leader Role Description 2017/18

This role outline is designed to give you an idea of what Peer Study Leaders do. It highlights the commitments, skills and benefits you can expect from taking up the role of **PALS Study Leader**.

<p>Role: PALS Study Leader</p>	<p>Office: CIT Student Engagement Office</p>
<p>What a PALS Study Leader does: PALS study leaders facilitate a series of study sessions for small groups of students during the academic year.</p> <p>PALS brings together what to learn with how to learn, it builds confidence in students' ability to learn and understand module content.</p> <p>Each PALS session is run by two PALS Study Leaders and focuses on helping students to study and understand specific module topics and course content. PALS does not involve teaching.</p>	<p>Skills and Qualities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning and your course • Motivated to learn new skills • Successful completion of your course so far • Desire to enhance the learning experience for other students • Commitment and reliability • Good listening & communication skills • Confidence and willingness to approach and be approached by students and staff • Good time-management: ability to prioritise your own study with PALS commitments
<p>Responsibilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with another PALS leader to plan PALS study sessions weekly • Use PALS training material and techniques in study sessions to encourage discussions and independent learning outcomes for all attending • Establish and maintain contact with members of your study group and department staff to identify and plan session content (as appropriate) • Signpost the various sources of support available for students in CIT • Take attendance lists to contribute to evaluation of sessions and impact on students • Participate and engage in regular leader support sessions to discuss, reflect and monitor progress 	<p>Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AnSEO*, CIT recognition of PALS Leaders commitment • Certified training from the International Centre for PASS/SI (University of Lund)- • Review and strengthen your knowledge of your course • PALS will enhance your employability skills in the following areas: leadership, communication, teamwork planning, facilitation, coaching and confidence • Enhances personal study habits • Connect with students from a wide variety of courses, cultures and backgrounds • Make new friends • Attend some fun PALS events
<p>Time Commitment: 1 hour per week PALS session 30 minute planning per PALS study session in collaboration with other PALS Total: Typically 1.5 hours per week for the academic year (flexibility possible)</p>	<p>Training and Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two day PALS Leader Training (mandatory) • Regular debriefs & contact with PALS Project Officer and Student Engagement Team • Recognition and reward (occasional short skills courses, recognition event and certificate)

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