



## **Aurora Student Champions Scheme**

The Aurora Network represents over 340,000 students across Europe and, increasingly, more internationally. The Network has its own functioning Student Board to evaluate and monitor progress on key priorities set by the council. These include diversity, inclusion, internationalisation and sustainability. The Aurora Student Champions Scheme is offering a voluntary position to several students who can help the Aurora Student Council to expand its work. Aurora Student Champions will be engaging with Aurora universities' senior management and student bodies, to help drive forwards its collective ambitions.

### **Why be an Aurora Student Champion?**

As an Aurora Student Champion you will be able to give something back to your student community. Student Champions will reflect the Aurora Network's main goals of inclusion, diversity, student engagement and international mobility, and promote these ambitions within the student body. You will be helping to further sustainability goals not only within your own university, but also through Aurora's global network. You will be given the opportunity to increase your range of transferable skills and gain evidence to show future employers. Upon completion, Aurora Student Champions will also receive an Aurora certified reference.

### **What will the scheme involve?**

#### **Academic Skills and Learning**

Students will submit evidence and hours of their academic work and learning that links to the values and work of the Aurora Network and/or Alliance. Students need to submit a summary of the work they were doing and add some reflections on how this links to a part of Aurora that they are interested in.

#### **Working Group Representation**

Students will submit evidence and hours of their volunteering and work outside of representing students on the task-streams work packages of Aurora. This can be evidenced through a small portfolio or statement from a senior member in the area the student is working in. Students will then reflect on how this links to the wider topic they are interested in.

## **Personal Reflection**

Students will reflect on themselves as learners and their interests in relation to Aurora. They will set themselves some goals around areas of work that Aurora is conducting and should reflect on their understanding of Aurora from the beginning of the scheme to completion.

## **Pen Pal Activity**

At the beginning of the scheme, students will be paired with another student from a different institution. Over the time of the scheme, these students will meet with each other and discuss a topic assigned to them that links to Aurora. Their task is to come up with a way of presenting the issue and some ideas of solutions collaboratively.

## **How will the Scheme work?**

Students can choose how many hours they would like to complete and will receive a certificate and an Aurora Certified reference based on their chosen hours.

- BRONZE status (12-20 hours)
- SILVER status (21-39 hours)
- GOLD Champion status (40+ hours)

Aurora Student Champions will submit their hours of evidence via an online platform, to be explained at the Briefing Session. This can be submitted at any time before the deadlines stated. Students will also be expected to record their progress and provide monthly updates.

## **Interested in applying?**

A briefing for students interested in the Aurora Student Schemes will be held at the beginning of the 2021-2022 Academic Year. This session will outline further details about the Aurora Student Champions Scheme, as well as the Aurora Ambassador Programme.

If you are interested in applying for either of these student roles, please register your interest using the link on the Aurora Student Champions Scheme webpage. If you have any questions about these schemes, you can also email the team at [aurora.champions@uea.ac.uk](mailto:aurora.champions@uea.ac.uk).