



What is a Summer School Ambassador?

Find out what previous ambassadors have said about the role and the skills and qualities we look for in successful candidates.

Summer School is all about making sure the participants have a great time – this will result in you having to move out of your comfort zone on occasion and going the extra mile more than occasionally. Ambassadors should be prepared to listen and be interested in the participants and their plans for the future, you should be ready to offer your impartial advice and experiences, you need to be friendly, approachable and have a smile on your face! You will need to be prepared for and well suited to being part of a dynamic, creative, energetic, and fun atmosphere. The fast paced nature of the Summer Schools means an ambassador will have to be adaptable, enthusiastic and ready for anything. It's cheesy but the more willing you are to get involved; the greater the Summer School experience will be for the participants and yourself! Being a Summer School Ambassador was definitely a highlight to my time at university.



Simon Burns
Chemistry
Ambassador 2012-2014



Issy Walker
Medicine
Ambassador 2018—?

Ambassadors need to be endlessly enthusiastic, whatever the British summer weather (or football team, last year coincided with the world cup!) throws at you, with an ability to be flexible, resilient and mature in doing so, and able to listen to and answer any queries that may come your way. The way to get the most out of being an ambassador is no doubt to let yourself enjoy it and be yourself – this is what participants want to see, you in your normal university life, and to just relax into the craziness of the weeks. 2018 was my first year being an ambassador and I made some of the best friends I have at university doing it – you meet so many like-minded people and it has definitely shaped my university experience for the better – both the other ambassadors and, if not more so, the participants inspire and challenge you to be your best self.

To be a Summer School Ambassador you need, above all else, to have a real interest in the lives of young people and to help them realise their dreams and achieve them. You always need to have a smile on your face, be energetic and fun to be around, and allow yourself to be silly when needs be! Working on a Summer School is more than just a job, it is a really immersive experience that requires good teamwork skills, creativity and enthusiasm for whatever it is you are doing that day, as you set a real example for the participants and become their role model. Summer School is about inspiring young people and in turn letting them inspire you, providing the most fun week possible but also showing them how great university can be. It is a wonderful experience and has been a big part of my university experience .



Hannah Aldridge
Sociology
Ambassador 2017 - ?