

**Australian Student Christian Movement
Development Worker, Canberra
Job Description**

The Australian Student Christian Movement (ASCM) seeks to be an ecumenical community of the living presence of God in Australian university campuses, nurturing each other, sharing an intelligent faith, and acting for justice in the world. The ASCM is a vibrant community of students supported by a wider network of Friends (ex-SCM students), and is affiliated with the World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) with connections to the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA). The ASCM provides students with the opportunity to form their theological, political and social views in an environment that takes their questions seriously.

For the past few years, the ASCM has been an active presence at the Australian National University, with weekly meetings on-campus. The ANU branch has also participated in significant events such as weekend retreats, services for the World Day of Prayer for Students, political protests, interfaith dialogue, film nights and social dinners. The ANU branch is seeking a development worker to assist in continuing this work.

We are seeking a motivated, energetic person who is able to relate to a broad spectrum of people in the university and church communities and be guided by the principle of empowering students.

Duty Statement

The ANU SCM development worker will be expected to:

- support and assist in developing the SCM branch at the Australian National University;
- facilitate, in consultation with students, the activities of the ANU SCM relevant to questions and issues of faith, spirituality, community and justice by coordinating o-week activities, developing a program for each semester of weekly discussions and occasional off-campus events such as a shared meal, a guest speaker or a retreat;
- build links with the university community, chaplaincy, Canberra churches, SCM friends and the wider ASCM movement;
- assist in raising the profile of SCM, particularly among students;
- give a lead in developing the skills and leadership ability of students, with the object of enabling them to form and maintain their own vision of Christian life and community;
- report to, and work with, the ASCM ACT Area Council, and preferably attend one ASCM National meeting per year (costs paid by the ASCM).

Selection Criteria

It is expected that the development worker will have the following skills and attributes:

1. A demonstrated ability to work with young people in group settings
2. A capacity to engage in theological discussion with university students and the wider university community
3. A demonstrated ability to be self-directed and take initiative
4. Good leadership, group facilitation and listening skills
5. A demonstrated ability to plan, monitor and record own work
6. A commitment to the ethos and structures of the ASCM
7. A willingness to participate in the National Movement of the ASCM
8. Good oral and written communication skills

It would be preferable for the worker also to have:

- A knowledge of, or involvement in, the ASCM
- An interest in theology
- Interest or experience in leading liturgy and worship

Accountability

The development worker will report regularly, and be directly accountable, to the ACT Area Council. The worker will submit an annual report to the council and other reports will be given to the ASCM National meetings.

A supervisory group will be responsible for the direction and support of the worker. The group will be made up of people with a history with SCM but who are not currently students.

Employment conditions

The development worker will be paid at \$18/hour, plus a loading of 9% for superannuation. The Development Worker is expected to work on average 8 hours per week, for approximately 40 weeks of the year, preferably commencing mid February (before O-week). The number of hours per week will vary according to the requirements of the job. Reimbursement of work-related personal expenses will be made, subject to Area Council approval.

We are an equal opportunity employer and a social justice organisation, which actively seeks to provide equity in the application process and the working environment.

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