# Sustainable Education

## Graduate Assistant

**Department:** The Robert A. Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research

**G.A. Position:** Sustainable Education

**Supervisor:** Fran Bires

## Job Description

As a Graduate Assistant (GA), you will work at The Robert A. Macoskey Center for Sustainable Systems Education and Research, an 83-acre facility that serves as a living laboratory and demonstration center for sustainable practices at Slippery Rock University.

Under the supervision of the Director, the GA will be involved in all aspects of the operation of the Macoskey Center and includes supervising work-study students, performing daily/routine tasks, and planning and conducting educational programs, activities and events.

## Job Functions/Responsibilities

As a GA, your duties and responsibilities include planning, coordinating, promoting and conducting programs, activities and events for the Macoskey Center. In addition, daily and routine tasks include feeding and watering chickens, collecting eggs, and weeding in our demonstration garden. Other routine jobs include grounds maintenance of mowing, trimming, and trail work. The GA will also be responsible for ordering seeds, propagating those seeds in the center's greenhouse and finally growing the plants in the garden.

The Macoskey Center GA will supervise and mentor work-study undergraduate students. Other responsibilities include responding to emails, telephone inquiries, creating press releases, promotional flyers and teaching activities/lessons to children and adults.

## Desired Qualifications

- Strong communication skills (verbal and written)
- Enthusiasm for working outdoors in areas of gardening and landscaping
- Ability to work independently and as a team player
- PA Driver's License
- Handle oneself in a professional manner
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**Graduate Student Outcomes**

- Increased knowledge of sustainability, energy use, gardening, trail practices
- Personal and professional growth in the areas of sustainability and sustainable practices
- Demonstrated competency in planning and organizing annual events

**Appropriate SRU Graduate Majors**

All

**Supervisor's Expectations**

- 17.5 hours per week. Exact schedule will be arranged with the supervisor
- Some additional work is expected with marquee events such as Earth Day and Earth Fest

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