

# Peer-Supported Learning - Faculty Recommendation Form

## To the Student:

Complete Section I of this form, save the file and forward to the recommending VIU Faculty member.

NOTE: The Faculty member must be from the department/area that you are applying to be a PSL leader in.

## SECTION I

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Course(s) interested in supporting: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION II

### To VIU Faculty member:

The above named student has applied for a position as a Peer-Supported Learning Leader (PSL) for the upcoming academic year. Your input is a valuable part of the application process as we strive to select the most qualified, competent PSL Leaders.

Not only do PSL leaders require a good academic record, PSL leaders are also students who:

- Are approachable
- Demonstrate responsible student behavior, and
- Communicate effectively

***By signing below you agree that the above named student meets the minimum qualities to serve effectively as a PSL Leader at Vancouver Island University.***

Faculty Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Faculty Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Comments:**

Check this box if you have further questions, and the Coordinator will contact you directly.

Please send the completed form to [Shelley-Anne.gajda@viu.ca](mailto:Shelley-Anne.gajda@viu.ca)

For questions please contact Shelley-Anne Gajda

<https://services.viu.ca/centre-experiential-learning/psl>

## **Peer-Supported Learning**

### **What is Peer-Supported Learning?**

PSL focusses on traditionally difficult, required courses and offers free, regularly scheduled, peer-led study sessions to all students enrolled. Sessions are facilitated by a student who has previously taken and completed the course to a high standard. Research and experience tells us that students face tremendous change and challenges as they transition to learning at university, and PSL is one of many supports available to them at VIU. PSL is a program that helps students transition to learning at university.

### **Who are PSL Leaders and what do they do?**

PSL Leaders are motivated students who have successfully completed a barrier course with a B+ or better. These students show responsibility, have a clear understanding of the course content, and are able to communicate effectively with both their faculty and peers.

PSL leaders attend the traditionally difficult course again, take notes, and; offer two (2), one hour study sessions per week, at convenient times for students.

Leaders receive extensive training and support on how to facilitate study sessions, and assist students in the development of problem-solving and study skills through collaborative activities.