ZUAIRIA SHAHRIN

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Professional Summary

A passionate writer and a dedicated Biological Sciences student, interested in translating complex scientific concepts into engaging narratives to bridge the gap between researchers and the general public.

Education

Bachelor of Science (BSc), Biological Sciences Major, English Minor

September 2021 - Present

University of Alberta, Edmonton AB

Third Year

Relevant coursework with writing components:

- WRS 102 Writing in the Disciplines
- ENGL 103 Case Studies in Research
- WRS 301- Introduction to Writing Centre Practice
- BIOL 315 An Historical Perspective
- MMI 351 Bacterial Pathogenesis

Work Experience/Community Involvement

Writing Studies 101 Peer Tutor

January 2024 - Present

University of Alberta

- Conducting tutorials to facilitate the tutees' learning and clarify course content
- Promoting the use of appropriate study strategies to support various learning styles
- Using multimodal learning strategies to engage multiple sensory systems and support learning preferences
- Actively engaging tutees by asking questions to guide their understanding
- Providing constructive feedback on coursework and practicing English speaking skills with tutees
- Responding to tutees' emails and providing detailed responses to questions

Writing Services Peer Tutor

January 2024 - Present

University of Alberta

- Facilitating a positive relationship with tutees using open body language and communication
- Asking thoughtful questions to engage tutees and guiding them to arrive at the right conclusions
- Allowing sessions to be tutee-led by asking them to summarize assignments and describe difficulties
- Working with the tutee to come up with alternative solutions
- Brainstorming strategies to help tutees with their specific needs concerning writing

Pharmacy Assistant April 2023 - July 2023

London Drugs Pharmacy

- Labeling, packaging, and dispensing prescriptions
- Taking prescriptions from clients in person and over the phone
- Managing cash register

Executive Committee Member, Co-Vice President of the Advocacy Committee

September 2022 - May 2023

UNICEF on Campus at the University of Alberta

- Independently editing monthly blog posts about UNICEF's SDG 16
- Providing constructive feedback on the monthly blogs
- Working collaboratively with the Co-VP to manage a team of 6 committee members
- Working collaboratively with the President to ensure fair delegation of responsibilities
- Scheduling and organizing regular check-in meetings with each committee member

Writing Skills

Founder and Writer June 2019 - June 2019

Under the Microscope Blog

- Conducting comprehensive research on niche healthcare topics from a range of undergraduate journals
- Writing formal scientific review articles as well as informal blogs to communicate with a wide variety of readers
- Increased readership tenfold by using the necessary persuasive and argumentative techniques when writing

Awards

Academic Excellence Merit-Based Scholarships

2021	University of Alberta International Centenary Scholarship (25%), University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
2021	University of Alberta International Country Scholarship, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
2021	University of Alberta International Student Scholarship, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Skills

- Prior subject matter experience, which will help me better relate to current WRS 101/102 students
- Organization and time management skills, which will ensure that I complete all the tasks assigned to me by the deadline
- Strong oral and written communication skills, which will help me cater to each tutee's individual needs
- Peer editing and feedback, which will allow me to guide tutees in the right direction
- Research skills, which will allow me to assist tutees if research is their concern
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity, which will make me non-judgmental and prevent me from making any assumptions about the tutees
- Maintaining confidentiality, which will assist me in building a healthy rapport with tutees as well as colleagues

Reference

Dr. Anna Chilewska

WRS Coordinator
Full Lecturer
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