

Student Leadership in Road Safety Co-Design Project (PAID POSITIONS)

VicSRC acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation, where our office is located. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present, and emerging

Program Overview and Background

The Transport and Accident Commission (TAC) is partnering with the Victorian Student Representative Council (VicSRC) to co-design a student advocacy and leadership program for Years 8 and 9 students. This initiative aims to empower students to identify and address road safety issues in their school community. This will be achieved through collaboration with local councils, the broader school community and the use of student voice. VicSRC, as the peak body representing school-aged students in Victoria, has a strong history of co-designing programs and advocating for student-led education.

We believe in creating innovative and meaningful solutions by working together. By collaborating with students in the design process, we make sure their ideas and perspectives shape the program, making it more effective and relevant. We are committed to being sensitive to those affected by road trauma and creating a supportive environment for everyone involved. Instead of focusing on individual behaviour, we aim to improve systems for lasting change. By bringing the program directly to students in their school community, we make it easier for them to participate and contribute, ensuring the program is accessible and impactful.

Why it Matters

Victoria aims to halve road deaths by 2030 and eliminate them by 2050. The TAC is committed to creating a road safety culture where children and young people are safe while travelling to school, the local shops or visiting family and friends. This involves an evidence-based whole-of-school-community approach to road safety, engaging stakeholders like students, schools, parents, local governments, community organisations and workplaces.

Role Description

We are offering paid positions for individuals to participate in our student advocacy and leadership program focused on identifying and improving community road safety outcomes through a co-design process. Co-design means working collaboratively with students and other members of the community to ensure their ideas and perspectives directly shape the program. This approach ensures that the solutions we develop are innovative, relevant, and

effective for the people they are designed to serve. This project is part of a broader initiative by the TAC to reduce road deaths and injuries among young Victorians.

Participants will attend approximately 6 sessions from June to September, each lasting around 2 hours. These sessions will be held fortnightly, with occasional longer workshops for more in-depth learning and collaboration. Participants may also have opportunities to be involved in program evaluation and pilot activities.

In addition to attending sessions, participants may need to spend extra time preparing, such as reviewing materials or completing pre-session tasks. This preparation time is part of the overall commitment, and participants will receive support to ensure they feel comfortable and ready for each session.

Throughout the program, participants will receive training and learning opportunities focused on road safety, co-design, and youth participation. We are looking for individuals who are open to learning, sharing, and personal growth. While prior experience in co-design and an interest in road safety are beneficial, they are not mandatory.

We offer flexible engagement options, including online participation, to accommodate different needs and ensure all participants can fully engage in the program.

Who We're Looking For

We are looking for a diverse group of students to join our advocacy and leadership program. Currently, we are seeking:

- Victorian school students who are enthusiastic and motivated in Years 8 and 9, and who are passionate about making a difference.
- Students who are from rural and regional areas, bringing unique perspectives and experiences to ensure the program is inclusive and effective.
- Students who have disabilities, offering important viewpoints to help create a more accessible road safety culture.
- Students who hold leadership positions in their schools are encouraged to apply.

If you meet the criteria above and are confident that you will have the time and availability to participate fully, then you are eligible to apply!

How much will I be reimbursed?

Participants in the program will be reimbursed for their time and expertise. The reimbursement is called an honorarium, which is a payment made in recognition of voluntary services provided to the program.

Participants will be reimbursed \$25 for each hour they spend participating in the program or related engagements, such as training and pre-briefings. Additional reimbursement will be provided to cover travel costs for those who need it.

Recruitment Process

Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now open. Each application will be followed by a short phone or Teams meeting with a VicSRC staff member to discuss your interest and suitability for the program.

Ready to make a difference? [Fill out the 'Expression of Interest' form](#) and join us in improving school community road safety.

Commitment to Child Safety

VicSRC is dedicated to creating a safe environment for all young people, preventing abuse by identifying and mitigating risks. We take all allegations seriously, complying with legal requirements. Our organisation celebrates diversity and promotes the participation and safety of marginalised children and young people. All staff and volunteers are responsible for their protection.

What if I have more questions?

If you have any questions, or if you would like to talk more about this opportunity, please reach out to VicSRC on the contact details below.

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