



# Student Leadership Division Representative

## Terms of Reference

### **Mandate**

The Student Leadership Division Representative (SLDR) is a Resource Representative to the Executive Committee of the Division. They are currently enrolled students in one of the fifteen Canadian Physiotherapy Programs or a physiotherapy assistant student from an accredited program.

SDLR's are responsible for providing input and involvement on a broad range of issues, ideas and activities (e.g. Opportunities for leadership development for students, entry level graduates, student physiotherapist assistants; annual strategic planning for the Division, promoting Leadership among their classmates; acting as a liaison between students and the Division).

The SLDR provides advice, guidance, and information to the Executive which will assist in the development of policies, procedures and action plans that promote the engagement of students in Leadership development and the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

The SDLR representatives are expected to operate in an atmosphere of collegiality, co-operation, and respect..

### **Goals of the SDLR**

The goals of having SDL representatives on the Executive Committee include but are not restricted to the following;

1. Provide an opportunity for students to join the Leadership Executive in a formal role or a complementary role in an area of particular interest to the student.
2. Provide an opportunity for students to develop their own leadership skills by active participation in professional committees.
3. Provide a forum in which SDLR's may discuss matters dealing with the development and promotion of leadership skills among physiotherapy and physiotherapy assistant students.
4. Meet monthly in the Fall and Winter academic terms.

5. Examine specific high priority issues and develop recommendations for the Division Executive Committee to consider in order to promote the development of leadership skills among students.
6. Create subcommittees to investigate specific matters and develop recommendations to the Division Executive Committee as outlined in the item above.

### **Lead Physiotherapist**

SDLR's are guided by a Lead Physiotherapist who is a member of the Division and a Resource Representative of the Division Executive Committee. The Lead Physiotherapist, in consultation with two student co-chairs, sets the meeting agendas with input from the SDLR's and sets times of regularly and specially scheduled meetings.

### **Time Commitment**

- Each SDLR will be expected to participate in monthly teleconference meetings, about one hour each. Minute taking for meetings will rotate between SDLRs.
- SDLRs are invited to attend all Leadership Division Executive teleconference meetings as resource representatives – these typically occur monthly also, in addition to the SLDR meetings.
- SLDR Co-Chairs will commit some additional time to create the meeting agendas and coordinating meeting times, and are expected to attend the Leadership Division Executive meetings to provide summary reports of the activities of the SDLR's.
- Should discussions result in projects or other initiatives, lead(s) for those initiatives will be identified, and those leads will commit additional time to the coordination and actions related to the project.