A. General Description

Team Positive Presence (TPP) is a student led initiative to promote and provide a safe environment during both University sponsored and student-initiated events. The goals of the TPP’s program are to facilitate a culture of safe celebrations, increase the sense of community among UMass students, and create a positive social atmosphere on campus. This is accomplished through the use of active bystandership, positive social messaging, random acts of kindness activities, event support, and education of University and Amherst regulations and laws, and social norming techniques.

B. Required Duties

- Assist in recruiting, training, and coordinating a team of up to 30 paid undergraduate student staff members
- Develop active bystander training for large scale events in conjunction with UMPD, Associate Dean for Off Campus Student Life and Community Education, Student Government Association leaders, and other stakeholders in event and communications planning
- Supervise TPP at university sponsored and student initiated events, such as Superbowl, tailgating, World Series, Halloween, and Mullins Center concerts where student drinking and large crowds may impair health and safety.
- Supervise Walk this Way student staff and coordinate programs, trainings, and evening shift supervision/management
- Develop and manage social media approaches to educate UMass community about safety, pro-social behaviors, and responsible alcohol use
- Assist with strategies and programs of the Campus and Community Coalition to Reduce High Risk Drinking
- Work requires late night, and weekend hours during academic year.
- Schedule shifts, manage timesheets, and run staff meetings.
- Coordinate volunteers, including professional staff members and community members, anRSO members who assist with TPP activities.
- Staff and assist with special outreach and marketing projects
- Prepare annual reports and newsletter items

C. Minimum Requirements

- Graduate student in higher education, public health, or other degree granting program related to the job duties and in good academic standing
- Experience with peer education and/or community programs including development, implementation and evaluation.
- Ability to motivate and inspire students to actively participate in changing social norms and aspects of campus culture that condone dangerous drinking practices or large scale disturbances that negatively impact students and the community
- Experience working respectfully with diverse cultures and community
- Coaching or mentoring experience with youth or college students. Outgoing personality.
- Ability to manage projects, strong writing and training skills
- Social media skills
D. Supervision Received
Reports directly to Associate Dean for Off Campus Student Life and Community Education

Employment date and Compensation

- Hrs/Wk 20
- Stipend $25.23 (as provided by the GEO contract)
- Tentative Dates of Appointment – 8/15/17- 5/25/18 (with possibility of renewal)
- Standard Graduate Employee Organization (GEO) benefits.

Application Process

- Submit cover letter and resume to Costin Thampikutty at cthampikutty@sacl.umass.edu Please use the term “OCSL Grad Application” in the subject line of the email. In your cover letter, please indicate the following: academic program, degree and expected graduation date; current and/or previous on campus assistantships; previous experience working with college students; your related experiences and how it complements your studies.
- Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.