Sustain Champlain is a campus-wide initiative, within the Center for Service & Sustainability, that strives to infuse sustainability concepts and practices throughout Champlain College by coordinating and promoting best practices within four areas: our institution, academics, operations and culture. The student Eco-Reps Program is one of our primary outlets for student engagement. Eco-Reps are peer educators within college residence halls that model environmentally responsible living behaviors and conduct education and outreach to fellow residents. Eco-Reps are trained and coordinated by the Director for Service & Sustainability Learning who connects them to appropriate campus personnel and resources. Eco-Rep activities are generally focused within the residential areas of campus, but can spill out into broader campus issues when most applicable.

This practicum provides an opportunity for a HESA student to develop an understanding of a small campus sustainability office and its role within the Champlain College community while diving deeper into the role of program administration, planning and evaluation, with our student Eco-Reps program, which currently has 16 residential undergraduate students.

This will be accomplished through regular meetings with the Director for Service & Sustainability Learning, attending staff meetings with other student employees/interns and meeting weekly with the student Eco-Reps. The HESA student will assist with curriculum planning for the semester, meeting facilitation, event planning and implementation, and program evaluation.

Tasks may include, but are not limited to:

- Assist with overall planning of the semester’s schedule, with special attention to inclusion of student leadership competencies
- Meet regularly with mid-level Eco-Rep Area Coordinators to plan monthly topics and related activities and provide guidance related to program planning and implementation
- Prepare weekly meeting materials and meeting follow up tasks
- Plan and facilitate special event/activities such as: Campus Sustainability Month, Food Waste Weigh Ins, Trash Bash, Kill-A-Watt Challenge, etc.
- Organize and facilitate teambuilding/social opportunities for Eco-Reps

It is our goal to create a mutually beneficial arrangement and we are able to arrange/prioritize some tasks based on personal learning objectives.