**Title:**

Graduate Assistant for Living-Learning Communities

**Responsibilities:**

The Graduate Assistant (GA) for Living-Learning Communities position is one of a variety of graduate assistantships available in the Department of Residence Life and Housing at The University of Akron (UA). The department employs two GAs for Living-Learning Communities each year. The GA for Living-Learning Communities maintains, monitors, and assists with programming for the various residential Living-Learning Communities at UA. The Living-Learning Communities have been established to provide distinctive settings where student academic success is supported through residential experiences. These communities bring academics into the residence halls through on-site classes, advising and referral services, tutors, and special opportunities to work with faculty. The Living-Learning Communities range from first-year experiences and academic disciplines to a second-year experience. The individual(s) in this position report directly to the Assistant Director for Living-Learning Communities while maintaining a strong working relationship with the Residence Life Coordinator of the residence hall in which the individual is assigned.

Specific job tasks and responsibilities are outlined in the GA for Living-Learning Communities position description. Core responsibilities include:

* Supervise seven to 12 Living-Learning Community Peer Mentors (PMs) in conjunction with programming efforts, collaboration with faculty/staff mentors, and student development, etc.
* Assist PMs in developing programs to meet the academic and social needs of the students in the Living-Learning Communities
* Assist in the efficient management of the residence hall
* Assist faculty/staff advisors in teaching sections of the “Student Success Seminar” and “Leadership Principals and Instruction” courses
* Assist with the recruitment of new students for the Living-Learning Communities at residence life open houses, admissions functions, and new student orientation programs

The Department of Residence Life and Housing is part of the division of Student Affairs at UA. The department boasts highly engaged student leaders, RAs and qualified professional staff who operate 10 separate residence hall facilities. The department employs over 300 professional staff, classified staff and students. As many as 2,900 students reside in the residence halls at UA. Department leadership is spearheaded by Interim Director of Residence Life & Housing, Melinda F. Grove. For more information regarding our graduate assistantships, including full job descriptions please visit: <http://www.uakron.edu/reslife/employment/index.dot>

**Requirements:**

* + Eligible to maintain an assistantship as discerned by the graduate school
  + Acceptance into the Higher Education Administration, Management, or Counseling graduate program
  + Strong administrative, organizational, programing, and interpersonal skills
  + Previous live-in residence life and housing experience is required, minimally qualified candidates must have lived on campus in a residence hall community. Additional experience as an RA, in a student leadership position, or actively engaged in the community is desired
  + Previous experience working in or participation in a Living-Learning Community is preferred
  + Two-year availability is preferred (Note: employment and renewal of assistantship will be evaluated annually)

All interested candidates are encouraged to apply by submitting a cover letter, resume and professional contact information of three references to the email address below:

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Prior to being eligible for consideration for an interview all candidates must demonstrate progress toward acceptance into graduate school and admission into one of two graduate programs, Higher Education Administration or Community Counseling

**Remuneration:**

* Remuneration includes The University of Akron tuition waiver up to 15 credit hours
* Current meal plan value: $2,848.00 (when residence hall dining facility is in operation)
* The gross biweekly stipend is $459.46 (calendar determined by area of employment within department)
* Partially furnished on-campus apartment (valued at $8,400.00)