

Graduate Assistantship Position Description Residence Life Ministry – Student Neighborhood (jr/sr) Ministry

As a Residence Life Ministry Graduate Assistant, the GA for the Student Neighborhood works in collaboration with their supervisory campus minister and student leaders to integrate faith with campus social and academic life. They establish active religious presence in the student neighborhood, encourage faith development and religious practice in the lives of students, develop Catholic educational opportunities, support ecumenical and interfaith endeavors, foster development of and participation in campus communities of faith and service experiences. Using peer ministry leadership structures as a guiding principle, they foster attitudes of hospitality, sacramentality, and servant leadership in ministry.

I. Ministry Responsibilities and Relationships

A. Ministry Responsibilities

- Work closely with a full time campus minister in the student neighborhood to assist creation and facilitation of faith development programming in the Student Neighborhoods
- Help coordinate Mass and prayer services in the student neighborhood.
- Foster spiritual growth and faith formation through the development of faith-sharing and bible-study groups in the neighborhood
- In collaboration with other Campus Ministers, coordinate the planning and implementation of one retreat each semester with student leaders.
- Network students with other Campus Ministry activities on campus.
- Plan other faith-based activities with students based on student needs and interests (trips, concerts, talks, socials, etc.)
- Be available as a spiritual resource to students by scheduling office hours, developing ways to cultivate relationships with students in the neighborhood, and meeting 1:1 with students.

B. Relationship with Supervisor

- Meet weekly with individual supervisor to discuss goals, challenges, successes, values, and feelings centered around reflection on ministry experiences, ministerial application of academic work, and development of ministerial skills.
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another.
- Participate in a mid-year and end of year self-assessment and goal setting process you're your supervisor.
- Suggest/initiate new ministry possibilities for retreats/faith communities based on your interests and student needs.

C. Relationship with Housing and Residence Life Neighborhood Leadership Team and Fellows

- Foster working relationships with neighborhood housing staff.
- Attend student neighborhood full staff meetings and individual block meetings when appropriate.
- Partner with Housing and Residence Life to identify ministry programming opportunities.
- Assist with crises intervention with individual students when needed.

D. Participation with larger Campus Ministry Department

- Be an active member of the UD Campus Ministry Team through participation in the bi-weekly Campus Ministry Team meetings and other events.
- Participate in Residence Life Ministry team meetings.
- Participate in a Campus Ministry sub-committee.

- Share information on campus-wide Campus Ministry activities to ministry area.
- Assist with campus-wide liturgies and other Campus Ministry events.

E. Graduate Assistant Program Activities

- Participate in the August orientation for GA's.
- Participate in regular GA Pastoral and Spiritual Formation experiences (several times a month)
- Assist in the planning of and attend August and January GA retreats.

II. Commitment to academic excellence

- Maintain a 3.0 Academic Grade point average and 6 credit hours per semester (including summer sessions).
- Maintain a relationship with an Academic Advisor.
- Be responsible and on time with studies and assignments.
- Participate in activities of Religious Studies Program.

III. Overall Learning

- Specific ways in which GA's serve at UD are replete with possibility. While there are programs and traditions that GA's continue, there is plenty of room for personality and specialized ministry styles.
- Remember that these two years are intended to be a learning time; a time to try new things, to explore ministry, self, faith, etc. GA's should ask questions and seek to expose themselves to a variety of campus ministry experiences.
- GA's are not expected to be a full-time campus ministers. It is important to strike a balance between academics, ministry, and personal activities that maintain energy, and health, and spiritual well-being.