

University of Dayton

Campus Ministry Graduate Assistantship Application

Mission

The Campus Ministry Graduate Assistant program at the University of Dayton, a Catholic and Marianist University, prepares graduate theological students for professional lay ecclesial ministry. Animated by our Marianist charism, formation happens in a collaborative community of learners and practitioners through ministerial skills training, hands-on ministry, theological reflection, and prayerful discernment.

History and Overview

The Graduate Assistantship Program in Campus Ministry began in 1986 and today our nine Graduate Assistants are an integral part of the more than thirty member Department of Campus Ministry. GAs collaborate in department and campus-wide programs and initiatives each year in addition to sharing responsibility for ministry in their particular area.

Graduate Assistants are vital to our ability to carry out Campus Ministry's mission: *Rooted in our Catholic and Marianist tradition, Campus Ministry cultivates the faith life of the campus community through transformative encounters with God. We foster spiritual growth through worship, pastoral care, faith formation, service and reflection. Committed to peace and justice, we challenge people to develop their unique gifts in service to the world and to be leaders who nurture human dignity through building faith-filled communities.*

In this two year program, Graduate Assistants work 20 hours a week in a specified area of campus ministry under the supervision of a full-time campus minister and engage in ongoing pastoral and spiritual formation. Campus Ministry GAs are enrolled in the Graduate Religious Studies Department pursuing a degree in Pastoral Ministry or Theological Studies (courses are taken in fall, spring, and summer terms).

Program Goals

1. Form a ministerial identity that is rooted in the minister's faith journey, sense of call, understanding of gifts and graces, relationship to Christ, to the Church, and to God's people. This identity will include a growing understanding and lived experience of navigating ministerial boundaries, as well as spiritual self-care and living a healthy and whole life.
2. Develop ministers who actively practice theological reflection that is rooted in the Catholic Christian tradition, intellectually honest, attentive to listening to the Holy Spirit in life and ministry, and responds out of this reflection.
3. Provide ministers with basic ministerial skills that facilitate others' growth in personal relationship with God as well as their growth in communal practice of faith. These include basic ministry skills that enable campus ministers to provide pastoral care to young adults and to implement the six aspects of campus ministry outlined in *Empowered by the Spirit*, the USCCB's Pastoral Letter on Campus Ministry: forming the faith community, appropriating the faith, forming the Christian conscience, educating for justice, facilitating personal development, and developing leaders for the future.
4. Develop confident and humble ministers who appreciate the value of and have the basic skills for peer collaboration with other ministers and colleagues outside the immediate ministry department, for empowering others in ministry, and for ecumenical and interfaith sensitivity.

Campus Ministry Graduate Assistantship Application Process and Checklist

Applications for campus ministry graduate assistantships are due by February 1 each year. Early Applications are welcome. The most qualified applicants will be contacted for telephone and on-campus interviews during the month of February. Offers are typically made by mid-April. See the assistantship questionnaire for the positions currently available. Be sure to submit all of the following by **February 1**.

Submit to Director of Campus Ministry Graduate Assistant Program (address below)

1. **Current Resume**
2. **Completed Campus Ministry Assistantship Application (below).**

Submit to Graduate Admission Processing

3. **Three letters of Reference.** These can be the same three letters that you submit for the application to the master's program (submit only once, directly to the graduate school through your online application). At least two should address your potential for graduate theological studies. At least one should address your potential as a minister to undergraduate students as well as your ability to succeed in a master's level course of study.
4. **Completed master's application with supporting materials.** Applications are submitted online at <http://gradadmission.udayton.edu/>

Submit Campus Ministry Assistantship Application and Current Resume and direct all questions regarding the Campus Ministry Assistantship to:

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Director of Campus Ministry Graduate Assistant Program

University of Dayton

300 College Park Drive

Dayton, OH 45469-0408

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Submit letters of reference and completed Masters Application to:

Graduate Admission Processing

University of Dayton

300 College Park Drive

Dayton, OH 45469-4305

Phone: 937-229-4729

gradadmission@udayton.edu

Campus Ministry Graduate Assistantship Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail _____

Phone _____

Please respond to the following questions: (typical application responses to these total 3-6 pages single spaced)

1. State your reasons for seeking a graduate assistantship in campus ministry.
2. Describe your personal ministry style/approach.
3. List *three* experiences or qualities that you bring to this position and describe how you have used these in ministry.
4. Describe an area in which you wish to sharpen your skills through this position.
5. Describe how you hope to use your theological education once you leave UD.
6. Rank the assistantship positions in the order of your preference. 1=most favored. note: All candidates will be considered for all available positions (see below), your ranking helps give a better sense of your gifts and preferences.

Available positions (years indicated are the academic year in which the position begins):

2018 – 2019 Residence Life Ministry – Hall Ministry (2), Residence Life Ministry – Student Neighborhood (jr/sr) Ministry, Liturgy, Christian Leadership and Retreats

2019 - 2020 Residence Life, Student Neighborhoods, Center for Social Concern, Retreats and Faith Communities, Christian Leadership and Vocation

_____ *Residence Life Ministry - Hall Ministry*

_____ *Residence Life Ministry - Student Neighborhood (jr/sr) Ministry*

_____ *Liturgy*

_____ *Christian Leadership and Retreats*

7. Describe the special qualifications you bring to the assistantship areas (respond only for the areas that are currently available).
- A. Residence Life Ministry – Hall Ministry
 - B. Residence Life Ministry – Neighborhood (jr/sr) Ministry
 - C. Liturgy
 - D. Christian Leadership and Retreats

Residence Life Hall Ministers are housed in private rooms in traditional undergraduate residence halls. Are you opposed to this arrangement?

_____ I do not want to live in a traditional residence hall

_____ I have no housing preference

8. Is there any other information you would like to share with the selection committee?
9. State how you learned about the campus ministry graduate assistantship program.

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