Graduate Hall Director: Frequently Asked Questions

**Do I need to have direct Residence Life experience to apply for the GHD position?**
While relevant experience is preferred, it is not mandatory to be selected for a GHD position.

**On average, what is the weekly time commitment required of a GHD?**
GHDs work approximately 20 hours per week during the academic year. This work will include supervision of student staff (one on one meetings and staff meetings), incident follow up, committee work, and administrative tasks (budget, programming, facilities management, etc.).

**What would my support structure look like as a GHD?**
As a GHD, you will be part of an “area” team (E-Block, West Campus, First Year Area, or Fraternity & Sorority Life). All non-Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL) GHDs will directly supervise a team of approximately 10 undergraduate RAs. FSL GHDs will work with FSL chapter leadership. GHDs will work with approximately two other GHDs, and in some cases Residence Hall Directors (RHDs), on an area team. Most GHDs report to an Associate Director of Residential Life. FSL GHDs report to the Residence Hall Director/Associate Director of FSL. This area team is the group that you will work with most closely.

**Where does Residential Life fit in to the organizational structure of Columbia?**
Residential Life supports the undergraduate students of Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science. Residential Life is a part of a group of four offices known as Undergraduate Student Life. These four offices are Residential Life, Student Engagement, Student Financial Advising and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The four offices of Undergraduate Student Life report to the Dean of Undergraduate Student Life, who reports to the Deans of Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science.

**What is the compensation for the GHD position?**
Each year, compensation includes a stipend of $6,000 (payable in installments throughout the academic year), a campus meal plan, and a furnished room on or near the Morningside campus.

**What are the living accommodations like?**
Living accommodations vary. Some GHDs live by themselves in spaces similar to a small studio apartment, while others live in two bedroom apartments with another GHD. All spaces include a kitchen and private bathroom. If you are placed in a two-bedroom apartment, it is possible that you will be sharing the space with someone of a different gender.

**Can I live in the accommodations with a partner, spouse, and/or children?**
Residential Life does not explicitly prohibit GHDs from living with a partner/spouse or child. Unfortunately, we generally cannot provide this accommodation due to the size and limitations of on-campus housing.

Should you have further questions regarding the GHD position, please consult the GHD position description or contact:

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