

Learning Communities & Engagement Graduate Assistant

(Graduate Assistant)

The Learning Communities and Engagement Graduate Assistant (GA) will support the Assistant Director of Residential Education in the development and management of Living Learning Communities. Living Learning Communities are intentional communities within the residence halls that enhance a student's Towson experience by engaging them in integrated learning experiences beyond the classroom. The learning and academic activities within the community are structured around an assortment of themes and student interests and include a common course component for students. Additionally, the specialized Residence Life Staff in these communities work continuously with campus partners to create a meaningful and unique learning environment.

The Learning Communities & Engagement Graduate Assistant will work with many stakeholders, including student leaders, faculty, and staff, to ensure students in Learning Communities are able to partake in meaningful learning experiences. Additionally, the GA will support other large-scale HRL efforts, including the development of a residential curriculum and quarantine and isolation processes. The successful candidate should have a strong desire to connect with students, a professional attitude to work with faculty and staff, and the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously.

Responsibilities:

Residential Learning Communities

- Support recruitment and selection processes for Learning Community liaisons (student staff members who lead programmatic efforts in Learning Communities)
- Assist the Assistant Director of Residential Education in creating training sessions for liaisons, including a comprehensive training prior to move-in and monthly leadership development sessions
- Support collaborations with Learning Community Leadership Teams, including working with faculty members and Residence Life Coordinators
- Support the recruitment and selection processes for learning community students
- Assist the Assistant Director of Residential Education in gathering, analyzing, and sharing relevant assessment data on Learning Communities
- Correspond with Learning Community Partners to ensure clear communication regarding important processes and deadlines

Residential Curriculum Development

- Attend weekly Residential Engagement Committee meetings (class schedule permitting)
- Co-facilitate structured conversations among professional and student staff members to develop and review curricular goals and outcomes
- Collaborate with professional staff members to write facilitation guides for curricular initiatives, such as floor meetings and roommate agreements
- Assist the Assistant Director of Residential Education in developing curricular materials catered toward students in Learning Communities

Other Responsibilities

- Attend department trainings and professional development workshops.
- Participate in regular one-on-one meetings with supervisor

- Assist the Assistant Director of Residential Education with the coordination and implementation of move-in crew during fall opening
- Plan, coordinate, and implement opening events occurring in each residential area with the help of other graduate assistants
- Collaborate with Health Services to serve on the Inside Scoop planning committee
- Provide assistance and support to HRL Quarantine & Isolation processes, including serving on-call for afterhours QI student needs. This will not require in-person interaction with QI students.
- Remain in good standing with the University by maintaining 3.0 grade point average and upholding University and housing policies.
- Be available for some night and weekend commitments as directed by supervisor

Towson University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans are encouraged to apply.

Minimum Qualifications

- ✓ Conferred Bachelor’s degree required at start of employment.
- ✓ Admitted to a graduate degree program.
- ✓ Commitment to fostering residential engagement by supporting students through multiple aspects of their collegiate experience.
- ✓ Commitment to building diverse and inclusive communities.

Preferred Qualifications

- ✓ Experience with student advising and advocacy, helping skills, and large-scale programming.
- ✓ Highly adaptable with a strong desire to learn.
- ✓ Ability to communicate thoughts with clarity, demonstrate active listening, and ask appropriate questions.
- ✓ Demonstrate a high level of integrity by assimilating personal with department values.

Benefits Package

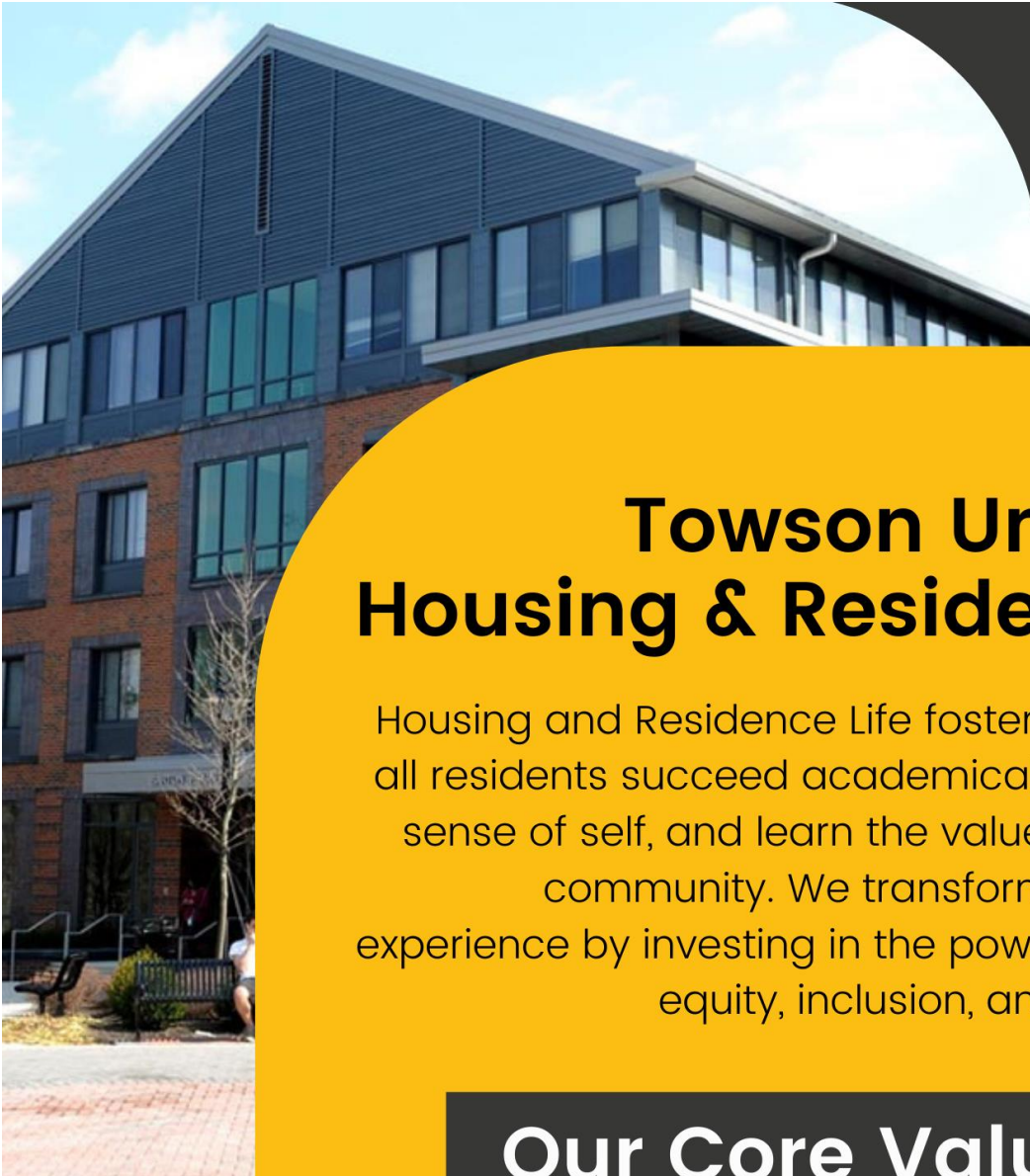
Stipend	\$8000 per academic year
Tuition Waiver	Academic Year – up to 12 credits per semester
Contract Length	10 months with 20 hours per week during the academic year There may be an opportunity to continue work through the summer at an hourly rate or for a six-credit tuition waiver.
Other Benefits	Fully furnished apartment with the ability to have a household member, meal plan; access to many Towson University services.

How to Apply

All applicants must submit a cover letter, résumé, and a list of three references to hrljobs@towson.edu.

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HRL Website: [TU HRL](#)



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Our Core Values:

Safety & Security

Learning & Education

Engagement & Connection

Discovery of Self

Inclusive & Welcoming Communities

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