Here is where academic interests develop into lifelong friendships.

Through an intentional living/learning experience, these students experience more from their on-campus residential housing. The University at Buffalo First-Year Interest (FYI) learning community participants build strong personal connections by living with peers from similar academic interests. They support one another through their academic pursuits and engage in programming initiatives specifically designed for their area of academic interest.

Building Community

The FYI Pharmacy Living Learning Community is for students enrolled or intending to enroll in pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, pharmacology and toxicology, etc. This community provides opportunities for students to establish study groups, explore trending advances in the field, and build connections with faculty and peers. Staff also help students prepare for Early Assurance Pharmacy interviews and requirements.

How to Apply

1. Fill out a UB housing agreement.
2. Complete preferences in housing module (room type, roommates, etc)
3. Fill out the "FYI Supplemental Application"

Location
Spaulding Hall
Ellicott Complex

Participants
Up to 35 applicants accepted

Community Programs
- Dinner with the Dean
- Pharmacy Interview Prep

Academic Support

Each community is staffed with an Academic Assistant who provides support to residence halls by encouraging exploration and engagement, promotion of academic success strategies, and community building.

Reasons our FYI Pharmacy participants love living here:

- Staffed with pharmacy upperclassmen Resident Advisors who share their interests, know the program, faculty, & pre-Pharmacy coursework, and the pharmacy school requirements, etc.
- Pharmacy Academic Assistants are readily available to tutor, and provide academic support.
- Residents form close friendships, study with one another, and help one another succeed in the rigorous program.
- Monthly academic and educational programs that occur in lounges in the community
- Connect with faculty and advisors in casual conversations outside of the classroom
- Resources are available to help participants advance towards pharmacy school

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