

RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR POSITION DESCRIPTION 2019-2020

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The Residence Hall Director (RHD) is responsible for the residential life functions in one or more residence halls, housing 500-600 students. Through supervision of the Graduate Assistant – Assistant Hall Director and approximately 16-24 Paraprofessional Staff Members, the RHD fosters a clean, safe, positive, and inclusive community environment that encourages students to develop their full potential. This position includes educational, supervisory and administrative functions that promote student engagement, academic success, personal development and a strong sense of community through the implementation of the residential curriculum. Campus Living supports the University at Buffalo's mission by providing residential environments that assist students in being academically and personally successful. The RHD is supervised by an Assistant Director (AD). This is a 12-month, live-in position, beginning July 22 (anticipated) and ending on July 21 (anticipated). Although the majority of the position will function as described below, some aspects are subject to change due to evolving departmental needs.

Candidates who have developed skills in the following areas, or an interest in developing skills in these areas, are encouraged to apply.

- Student and Professional (Graduate) Staff Supervision
- Programming
- Residential Curriculum
- Crisis Intervention
- Student Conduct
- Maintenance and Facilities
- Housing Operations
- Counseling, Helping, and Conflict Management
- Administrative and Time Management

STATUS: Full-time, 12-month, live-in, professional appointment.

REMUNERATION

- \$43,000 salary for a full time, live-in, 12-month term appointment.
- Vacation accrued at 1.25 days per month; Sick Leave accrued at 1.25 days per month.
- RHDs receive all holidays afforded to university employees but must work with their supervisor to approve vacation dates.
- University Benefits: Group health, dental, vision, and life insurance with options for dependents; retirement package commencing 42 days after employment start date.
- Department Benefits: A furnished one or two bedroom apartment (including free high-speed internet, cable TV service, and all utilities) located in a residence hall is provided for 12 months. This is a live-in position.
- Professional Development funds pending availability – amount TBD.

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QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum: Bachelor's degree with one year of experience in college student supervision, judicial affairs, orientation or student activities. Excellent administrative and communications skills are required. Based on the need to respond to crisis situation and serve on a duty rotation, travel within the campus and between campuses is required. Candidates will need to demonstrate their ability to meet the transportation needs of the position. Preferred: Master's degree in Student Personnel, Counseling, Education or related field with one to three years of post-bachelor's degree experience in residence hall or university apartment administration is preferred. Due to the transportation needs of this position, a valid license to operate a motor vehicle in NYS is also preferred.

APPLICATIONS

Application including a cover letter, resume, and names, titles, addresses, and telephone numbers of three current references should be completed on-line at: <https://www.ubjobs.buffalo.edu/>. For additional information please visit the following web page: <http://www.buffalo.edu/campusliving/about-us/employment-opportunities.html>.

Application Deadline:

We will be conducting interviews at the Oshkosh Placement Exchange (OPE), the New York State Placement Exchange (NSY-PE), as well as The Placement Exchange (TPE). We encourage candidates to send materials early so that we can pre-schedule interviews for these conferences or conduct phone/videoconference interviews. Full consideration will be given to complete applications received by March 25, 2019.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- This position is a one year appointment. The RHD position is eligible for renewal, though renewal is not guaranteed. FLSA Exempt position, not eligible for the overtime provisions of the FLSA.
- Successful candidates will be required to pass a background check before being hired and will be required to provide an Official Transcript of most recent degree conferred before start date of employment.
- Any adult living in the provided on-campus apartment will also be required to pass a background check.

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RESIDENCE HALL DIRECTOR POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff Supervision and Training (30%)

Paraprofessional Staff

- Provide orientation, training, supervision, and regular evaluation of approximately 16-24 Resident Advisors. Some hall assignments will also include supervision of other student staff (i.e., College Work-Study, Student Assistants).
- Participate in the selection of Paraprofessional Staff and Student Assistants.
- Conduct bi-weekly meetings with individual Paraprofessional Staff to develop and review goals/outcomes achieved, discuss issues, recognize contributions, provide and solicit feedback.
- Assess skills and development of Paraprofessional Staff while providing experiences, opportunities, and training, which challenge and support their development.
- Attend all departmental and divisional training sessions and workshops, as required. This may include planning and facilitating training sessions for the hall and departmental Paraprofessional Staff as a whole.
- Serve as a facilitator/instructor for the Paraprofessional Staff Leadership Class (if needed).

Graduate Professional Staff

- Provide orientation, training, supervision, and regular evaluation of one Graduate Assistant Hall Director.
- Participate in the Assistant Hall Director selection process.
- Conduct weekly individual meetings with Assistant Hall Director to develop and review goals/outcomes achieved, discuss issues, in-hall programming, recognize contributions, provide and solicit feedback.
- Assist with creation of Graduate Assistant Hall Director Professional Development plan.
- Assess skills and development of Assistant Hall Director while providing experiences, opportunities, and training, which challenge and support their development.
- Create Graduate Assistant Hall Director Performance Program, conduct mid-year evaluation and end of the year evaluation.
- Assist with Hall Council advisement.
- Staff Supervision of an Office Manager (Greiner Hall RHD, Governors Complex Coordinator)
 - Provide orientation, supervision, assist in training and evaluation of one Office Manager.
 - Participate in the Office Manager selection process.

Hall Programming (in conjunction with Assistant Hall Director) (10%)

- Coordinate staff programming efforts in conjunction with the residential curriculum and community development plan.
- Encourage staff and students in planning and developing programs to meet the diverse needs of the residence hall population.
- Supervise the in-hall departmental programming model including program approval, reviewing program proposals, providing program feedback and tracking program requirements.
- Regularly attend Paraprofessional Staff programs.
- Make programming purchases (shopping with Paraprofessionals Staff members and signing off on food purchases).
- Manage the programming budget including maintaining a spreadsheet/database, turning in receipts.
- Utilize eRezLife Software and UB Linked for program tracking and program advertising.

Student Conduct (5%)

- Serve as the hall's primary judicial officer to help create a positive community environment in which students learn from their actions and assume responsibility for their actions.
- Meet with students in violation of Campus Living rules, adjudicate cases, and sanction students.
- Maintain judicial records through effective use of student conduct software (currently Maxient) and accurate student files.
- Document incidents, write judicial reports, correspond effectively with students through appointment and sanction letters.
- Assist other halls and offices, including University Police and Judicial Affairs, to investigate and resolve student conduct issues.

Residential Education Initiatives (10%)

- Assist in the development, execution and assessment of educational strategies, as a component of the residential curriculum.
- Conduct outreach to designated students for academic interventions.
- Facilitate paraprofessional staff one-on-one meetings with their residents 1-2 times a semesters.
- Work with faculty and/or staff to develop community-specific programs/initiatives in Living Learning Communities.
- Maintain regular communication with learning community campus partners to ensure programmatic needs are met.
- Complete area-wide learning outcome driven programs.
- Facilitate programs and training sessions around social justice and inclusive concepts.

Crisis Intervention, Counseling/Helping/Conflict Management (10%)

- Carry a cell phone provided by the department.
- Participate in the rotating “on-duty” system for the residential area, responding to emergencies on evenings and weekends.
- Maintain a 10-minute radius of the duty area while on call.
- Provide on-duty coverage, on a rotating basis, during times when the university is closed (*i.e. Fall Break, Holidays, Winter Break, Spring Break and Summer Recess*).
- Use departmental protocol to respond to crisis or emergency situations, which includes providing guidance to Paraprofessional Staff and students.
- Provide appropriate post-crisis referrals and follow-up with students and staff.
 - **Professional Staff On-Duty Commitments**
 - The RHD will participate in a rotating “on-duty” system for the residential area, which includes responding to emergencies on evenings and weekends. *These professional obligations are in addition to the outlined full-time hours per week.*
 - The RHD will carry a cell phone provided by the department
 - Maintain a 10-minute radius of the duty area when on duty.
- Serve as a resource and referral agent for students and staff with a focus on student success.
- Advise and counsel students in crisis within the residence hall.
- Diffuse student roommate conflicts.

Maintenance & Facilities (5%)

- Conduct a weekly building walk-through and report on-going facility and safety/security needs.
- Maintain a relationship with cleaning staff and maintenance staff including administrative support staff.
- Work directly with the Residential Facilities staff to resolve maintenance issues, vandalism and routine maintenance improvements.
- Work with custodial and maintenance staff to inspect rooms and determine final billing at the end of the academic year.
- Conduct inspections of apartments for damages, bill students’ accounts as necessary.
- Train staff on “Show Ready” concept of operations.
 - **Building Services (Greiner Hall RHD, Governors Complex Coordinator)**
 - Supervise and develop usage and scheduling procedures for first floor student services areas which include: front desk, multipurpose rooms which serve as classrooms, study and programming spaces and study areas.
 - Partner with café vendor on programmatic initiatives.
 - Assist in supervision of outsourced landscaping and snow removal services.
 - Lead Area Team comprised of a Janitor and lead Maintenance Mechanic to address facilities issues.

Housing Operations (5%)

- Process student room changes (meeting with students, working with staff in other residence halls). Manage operations of building including room changes using the occupancy management software and databases (currently RMS).

- Assist in the opening and closing of the apartments. Oversee securing the building for university vacation periods.
- Prepare occupancy reports on an as needed basis.
- Assist the Housing Operations office to disseminate information to students and staff about room selection and on-campus housing options.

Administrative/Time Management (25%)

- Attend various departmental meetings on a weekly/biweekly basis including, but not limited to:
 - Residential Life meeting/Development session (1 hour weekly)
 - In Hall Staff meeting (2 hours weekly)
 - Area Professional Staff meeting (2 hours weekly)
 - Meeting with Assistant Director (1 hour weekly)
 - Meeting with Assistant Hall Director (1 hour weekly)
 - Committee meeting (1-2 hours weekly plus homework)
 - Meetings with paraprofessional staff (6-10 hours weekly) – *generally 3x/month, AHD meets 1x/month*
- Prepare end of semester and end of year reports in December and May.
- Maintain approximately 15 office hours per week. There is an expectation of general availability during most business hours. Evening commitments such as staff meetings, hall council and program attendance is also expected.
- Use computer programs, including by but not limited to, Residential Management Systems (RMS), Microsoft Office Suite, eRezLife, Maxient, OnGuard, EMS, and Campus Labs.

Departmental Involvement

- Participate in at least one Residential Life committee.
 - Attend and participate in all Professional Staff training and Paraprofessional Staff training.
 - Participate in and carry out responsibilities as required by the professional staff selection process.
 - Collaborate with other departmental and university offices such as University Police, Counseling, Student Life, Residential Operations, Residential Facilities or Wellness Education Services.
 - Represent the department at various functions such as Nancy Welch Awards, Paraprofessional Extended Training, RHA Association Awards and other events as needed.
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SUMMER RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff responsibilities will vary depending on a variety of factors, including but not limited to, construction projects, projected summer conference business, and professional staff vacancies. Staff may be required to relocate to a different apartment during the summer months. Professional Staff will also need to prepare their hall for the upcoming academic year.

Conference Hall Director

- Oversee the preparation of facilities for specific conference groups including key management, swipe cards preparation, and final check of room readiness.
- Overall supervision of on-site conference operation including check-in, check-out and student staff (i.e. Conference Hosts and Student Assistants) supervision.

Orientation Hall Director

- Oversee all housing of orientation students predominantly in the month of July, including being present at all check-ins and checkouts.
- Assist in Orientation Leader training and present during Orientation sessions.

EOP Hall Director

- Oversee all housing aspects of EOP Summer Program.
- Train, supervise and evaluate the EOP summer staff (Resident Counselors).

Summer School Hall Director

- Provide overall management of summer school housing including coordinating on site check-in and checkout of summer school students, billing, and room space management.
 - Supervise Summer School AHD and Summer Resident Advisors.
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PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND PROFICIENCIES

In evaluating the performance of a Residence Hall Director, success will be measured by how well the staff member performs the job responsibilities and fulfills the following competencies.

- *Job Knowledge/Potential* - Possesses the competence, knowledge and experience to perform the job effectively and efficiently. Applies technical and procedural knowledge to get the job done. Continuously expands job knowledge and keeps abreast of new developments and displays innovation. Completes Professional Development Plan.
 - *Interpersonal Relations/Skills* - Is cooperative, considerate and tactful in dealing with customers, co-workers and the public. Gains confidence and trust of others and exhibits appropriate sensitivity to others. Works effectively with others on a team.
 - *Reliability and Commitment*- Consistently meets deadlines and is able to juggle competing priorities without sacrificing quality/accuracy. Demonstrates commitment to the unit and university goals and can be trusted to follow through on commitments.
 - *Communication* - Clearly and convincingly expresses thoughts, ideas or facts orally and in writing. Responds appropriately to both written and oral directives and ensures clear, timely communications to others. Builds effective formal and informal communication channels.
 - *Judgment & Accountability* - Uses good judgment and follows up as needed. Anticipates and identifies problems and helps to bring about resolutions. Is open to or offers different solutions and determines what to handle independently and what to refer. Is accountable and takes responsibility for own decisions and actions.
 - *Customer Service* - Provides quality service to customers and seeks feedback from internal and external customers. Anticipates customer needs and continuously searches for ways to increase customer satisfaction.
 - *Management/Supervision* - Visualizes, creates, communicates and sustains a positive environment. Delegates appropriately and promotes teamwork and cooperation. Effectively motivates, coaches, develops and evaluates staff.
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SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMITMENTS

It is important to recognize that the demands of a live-in position are different from in other jobs. The following events/time periods are mandatory and offer less time flexibility than usual weeks:

- *Late July/August Staff Training— five weeks including some night/weekend responsibilities*
- *Hall Opening/Closing—full days to cover hall responsibilities to be shared with AHD including Opening Weekend*
- *Open House Days—2-4 days each semester*
- *RHA Leadership Conference – one Saturday in the fall*
- *Paraprofessional Staff Leadership Class (if needed)*
- *Paraprofessional Staff Selection—two weekend days each semester (Fall Semester if Needed)*
- *January Professional and Paraprofessional Staff Training—full time, one week including weekend responsibilities*
- *Emergency duty coverage when university is closed—shared with other full-time staff (Fall Break including Thanksgiving, Winter Break including Christmas and New Year's Day, and Spring Break)*

Residence Hall Directors are often considered essential employees of the university and may be required to work in order to provide essential services for students when other staff cannot. This may include official university closings due to extreme weather or other emergencies and when other professional staff members may not be able to be on campus.

EVALUATION

The Residence Hall Director is evaluated on a semester basis or as needed by their immediate supervisor. Evaluations are based on first-hand knowledge, feedback from other supervisors including committee chairs, and Paraprofessional Staff evaluations. A formal written, departmental evaluation is done once a year.

UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO OVERVIEW

The University at Buffalo (UB) is a premier, research-intensive public university and a member of the Association of American Universities (AAU). As the largest, most comprehensive institution in the 64-campus State University of New York system, UB's research, creative activity and people positively impact the world. With a total enrollment of over 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students, UB offers more than 100 undergraduate degrees and nearly 300 graduate and professional programs and has alumni living in every state and 130 countries.

CAMPUS LIVING OVERVIEW

Campus Living is the largest self-sufficient unit in UB's Division of Student Life; we have our own human resources, business office, IT operation, custodial and building services staff. In a department that has over 250 full time employees and over 230 Paraprofessional Staff members, RHD positions are administratively heavy. The majority of student contact will come from meetings with Paraprofessional staff members. Interactions with residents will come from meetings, advising hall council, academic outreach and addressing student needs.

AREA DESCRIPTIONS

The University at Buffalo houses approximately 5,750 students in residence halls on both the North and the South Campus, and approximately 2,600 students in apartments located on and adjacent to the North Campus. Listed below are descriptions of the three residence hall areas:

Residence Hall Areas

Ellicott Complex and Greiner Hall: The Joseph Ellicott Complex is a self-contained living area housing more than 3,000 students. Ellicott is divided into six quadrangles (residence halls)--Fargo, Porter, Red Jacket, Richmond, Spaulding, and Wilkeson. Living areas are co-educational by alternating sections. Several special-interest areas are located within Ellicott. All of Wilkeson and Spaulding, and part of Richmond house first-year students. Greiner, Fargo, Richmond, Spaulding and Wilkeson house Living-Learning Communities.

William R. Greiner Hall is located next to the Ellicott Complex and houses 600 students and is the only facility that serves a sophomore-only population. The building offers suite-style living with two double rooms with an adjoining private bathroom and storage area. Kitchens, laundry rooms and lounges are on every floor, as well as study spaces and intimate seating areas throughout. Multipurpose space for workshops and social gatherings are all available to students.

South Campus Residence Halls: There are two residence hall facilities on the South Campus: Clement and Goodyear. The South Campus is located at the northern edge of Buffalo, bordering the suburb of Amherst. Each hall houses about 500 students. All of Goodyear houses first-year students. Some floors house Living-Learning Communities. Many new students are assigned to the South Campus.

Governors Complex: The Governors Complex has 4 halls in semi-suites, each consisting of four double rooms, a bathroom, and a small lounge. Each hall houses 200 students and 6 Resident Advisors. A large portion of the student population in this complex are first-year students, and many participate in Living-Learning communities.

Apartment Areas

Creekside Village is a peaceful townhouse type complex. Located at UB's north end near Bizer Creek. Creekside is one of few "green" campus housing complexes; its landscape and architecture were designed to preserve natural surroundings and for maximum energy efficiency. Creekside offers accessible ranch-style units. Half of the Creekside Village apartment complex is available to graduate students and professional students, and the other half of designated for second-year students.

Flickinger Court is located in the town of Amherst, adjacent to UB's North Campus. Flickinger Court is a townhouse complex designed to meet the needs of married, traditional, and nontraditional students and their families. Flickinger Court apartments are available to Graduate students, professional students, students with families and faculty and staff and offer 12 month leases.

Flint Village is located at UB's main entrance and is a short walk to academic buildings on UB's North Campus. The complex features comfortable and convenient living including its Arts & Crafts-style community center, and is arranged on a beautifully landscaped 16-acre site. Flint apartments are available to professional students and upper-class undergraduate students.

Hadley Village is located on the west side of UB's North Campus and is convenient to the academic "spine." Hadley Village apartments surround a beautiful community building with conference room, mail room, fitness center, and fireplace lounge. Hadley apartments are available to upper-class undergraduate students.

South Lake Village is located on the shore of Lake LaSalle and is a convenient walk to UB athletic and arts events and the academic "spine." The complex, including its large community center, is arranged on a scenic 13-acre lakeside site. South Lake Village apartments are available to professional students and upper-class undergraduate students.