

Living Learning Community Mentor

Position Description

Housing & Residence Life Vision

Housing and Residence Life fosters spaces where all residents succeed academically, develop their sense of self, and learn the value of engaging in community. We transform the residential experience by investing in the power of innovation, equity, inclusion, and collaboration.

HRL Core Values

Focused on each student, Residence Life values...

- Safety and Security
- Learning and Education
- Inclusive and Welcoming Communities
- Discovery of Self
- Engagement and Connections

Living Learning Communities

Living Learning Communities are intentional communities within the residence halls that enhance a student's Towson experience in a variety of ways. The learning and academic activities within the community are structured around an assortment of themes and student interests, allowing students to connect with peers, faculty, and staff and pursue common interests. Additionally, the specialized Residence Life Staff in these communities work continuously with campus partners to create a meaningful and unique learning environment. Our Living Learning Communities include:

- American Sign Language Community – A collaboration with the Deaf Studies Program
- Civic Transformation Community – A collaboration with the Office of Civic Engagement & Social Responsibility
- College of Business & Economics Community – A collaboration with CBE
- College of Health Professions Community – An upcoming collaboration with CHP
- Education Community – A collaboration with the College of Education
- Global Village – A collaboration with International Student & Scholars Office
- Speak Up, Speak Out Community – A collaboration with the Department of Communication Studies
- STEM Scholars Community – A collaboration with the Fischer College of Science and Mathematics

Note: The Honors and SAGE Communities do not utilize Community Mentors for staffing.

Summary of Community Mentor Role

A Community Mentor is a student of sophomore+ status who is selected to be a resource to the first year and other students in the RL community. The Community Mentor is a leader who will help to drive the specific mission of LLC through relationship building and social programming. Requirements of Community Mentors may vary slightly due to differences in LLC partnerships with faculty and campus partners.

Qualifications and Requirements

The Community Mentor must be a full-time Towson University student of at least sophomore status, in good academic standing, and eligible to reside in University Housing at the time the agreement becomes effective. In addition, the Community Mentor must earn and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA. The Community Mentor must be in good standing with the University and not on probation of any kind.

Community Mentors must be available for the following: attend a meeting during the end of the Spring term (TBD), move in early as determined by LLC needs (August), assist with fall move-in, attend a 1-day workshop the Friday before classes start, and participate in ongoing leadership development series.

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Essential Functions and Expectations

- Develop engagement initiatives related to the purpose of the LLC 4 times per semester
- Build relationships with LLC residents through formal and informal means
- Attend monthly Community Meeting with the Living Learning Community Leadership Team
- Attend regular meetings with a designated HRL staff member and collaborating office
- Mentor first-year and other students in the community (based on community need)
- Collaborate with the Resident Assistant(s), Residence Life Coordinator, and campus partners
- Role model positive behavior within the community
- Participate in ongoing leadership development series
- Some functions may differ based on the structure of the unique LLC.

The Community Mentor role is a unique role within the Department of Housing & Residence Life. It is imperative that the Community Mentors work closely with the residents and staff to create and maintain an inclusive and welcoming community within the floor/building. Therefore, the Community Mentors will carry out, accurately and efficiently, all duties as described in this description. The Community Mentor description is not an all-inclusive statement of responsibilities, and some responsibilities may vary based on the specific learning community to which a Community Mentor is assigned. Special circumstances may require the assignment of additional responsibilities.

Benefits

- Paid \$15.00 per hour for up to 6 hours per week during times the community is open
- Help shape the Living Learning Communities for other students
- Early move-in for leadership training and assistance with move-in days
- Inclusion in HRL leadership initiatives and events such as Professional Development Workshops and the HRL Student Leadership Banquet

Note: While it is required that Community Mentors live in the community, HRL is unable to provide discounted housing as a benefit of the position. However, Community Mentors can select a roommate.

General HRL Employee requirements

- Be a full-time undergraduate Towson student carrying a minimum of 12 credits
- Have completed one full semester at TU prior to applying
- Have completed a minimum of 24 credits by June 2023.
- Have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.
- Not be on disciplinary/residence life probation at time of employment

Application:

The Community Mentor application is open now and will remain open through Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 5 PM. The application can be accessed [here](#) or at <https://tinyurl.com/LLCLeader23> Please ensure you are logged into your TU email account to access the application form.

Please note that all components of the application, including any recommendations and a [returning student housing application](#), must be completed by the deadline.

If you have questions about the position or the application, contact LearningCommunities@towson.edu.