

Graduate Assistantship Position Description
Focus: Residence Life Ministry in Founders
Rounding: First Year Retreats

With a focus in Residence Life Ministry in Founders Hall, this Graduate Assistant works under the guidance of their supervisory campus minister and with student leaders to integrate faith with campus social and academic life. The GA partners to establish active religious presence in Founders, encourage faith development and religious practice in the lives of students, develop Catholic and Christian educational opportunities, support ecumenical and interfaith endeavors, foster development of and participation in campus communities of faith and service experiences. Rounding out the residence life ministry experience in Founders, this GA will gain experience in retreat ministry under the mentorship of a campus minister who is experienced in first year retreat ministry.

I. Ministry Role, Responsibilities, and Relationships

A. Focus Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 70%)

- Facilitate a weekly small faith sharing or Bible study group for Founders students
- Form, guide, and animate the L1:38 Neighborhood leadership team for ministry and outreach in Founders Hall
- Generate enthusiasm for weekly Founders/Marianist Mass and collaborate with the Marianist rounding GA to support the coordination of Mass and accompanying hospitality and fellowship
- Be available as a spiritual and pastoral resource to Founders students by responding to pastoral care needs, facilitating Faith and Life chats, cultivating relationships with students and meeting with them 1:1 to support their spiritual growth (Scheduling office hours is an important aspect of this)
- Meet weekly with Founders AC and provide regular campus ministry presence at Founders RA meetings for the purpose of supporting the spiritual needs of staff and fostering working relationships with Founders housing staff to support ministerial programmatic outreach and facilitate responsive pastoral care in Founders Hall.
- Lead Setting the Marianist Table sessions for Founders residents (generally over the course of 2-3 weeks in the fall)
- Care for Founders Chapel and be in communication with the Campus Minister for Liturgy and Sacraments about needs

B. Rounding Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 20%)

- Work with rounding mentor to recruit, form/train, and lead a first year retreat team in facilitating the first year retreats each semester

C. Additional Valuable Opportunity to Broaden Ministerial Experience

- Lead a breakout or immersion
 - This is an excellent opportunity to gain valuable campus ministry experience in leading experiential learning opportunities about Catholic Social Teaching and leading an extended ministry experience with students.
 - This is an important way that a GA can contribute to a vital aspect of our shared mission and to broaden their ministerial experience. To inquire about this additional opportunity contact Mary Niebler.

D. Relationship with Supervisor

- Meet weekly with individual supervisor to discuss progress on ministerial development and goals including challenges, successes, values, and feelings centered around reflection on ministry experiences, ministerial application of academic work, and development of ministerial skills (weekly meetings are typically an hour in length)
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry receiving and giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another
- Participate in a mid-year and end of year self-assessment, appraisal, and goal setting process

E. Relationship with Rounding Mentor

- Meet regularly with mentor during the period of active ministry in the rounding area to discuss progress, challenges, successes, and lessons learned in this aspect of ministry (regularity can be determined by the pair, suggested 30 min weekly or bi-weekly depending on the ministry)
- Engage in a collaborative style of ministry receiving and giving feedback and sharing ideas with one another

F. Participation with larger Campus Ministry Department (approx. 10%)

- Be an active member of the UD Campus Ministry Team through participation in Campus Ministry Team meetings and other events
- Participate in Residence Life Ministry team meetings
- Participate in a Campus Ministry sub-committee (beginning in January of first year)
- Share information on campus-wide Campus Ministry activities to ministry area
- Assist with campus-wide liturgies and other Campus Ministry events

G. Graduate Assistant Program Activities

- Participate in the August orientation for GAs.
- Participate in regular GA Pastoral and Spiritual Formation experiences (several times a month)
- Attend August and January GA retreats.

II. Commitment to academic excellence

- Maintain a 3.0 Academic Grade point average and 6 credit hours per semester (including summer sessions).
- Maintain a relationship with an Academic Advisor.
- Be responsible and on time with studies and assignments.
- Participate in activities of Religious Studies Program.