The Graduate Experience

The Office of Residential Life at Boston College supervises 30 graduate assistantships. While the majority of our positions are direct on-the-job training for those entering the field of higher education (student affairs), some of the positions are also open to those studying Theology and Pastoral Ministry, and other people-centered disciplines such as Social Work, Counseling, etc.

Those graduate students not entering the fields listed above may apply to become a Resident Assistant (RA). The selection process begins in January, however because of the varied timelines for acceptances we typically allow recently-admitted grad students to apply after the January deadline.

A successful candidate for one of our grad positions at Boston College will possess prior campus involvement experience, a commitment to diversity and open dialog, and a drive for the social, academic, and spiritual growth of the students on campus.

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About the Office of Residential Life

The Office of Residential Life is responsible for managing residential living programs and facilities for over 7,600 on-campus students in 31 residence halls. The mission of the Office of Residential Life is to create a respectful, healthy, and safe living community for a diverse range of residents. We are committed to integrating the Ignatian tradition into the formation of each student by connecting their intellectual, ethical, religious, and spiritual lives through a wide range of programs and services.

Overview of Graduate Positions

The Office of Residential Life offers a variety of opportunities for graduate students to gain paraprofessional experience. Below are brief descriptions and benefits for each.

Graduate Staff Assistant (GSA) — Our GSAs often hold two assistantships—one in Residential Life and one in another campus office. The GSA has regular RA responsibilities, in addition to also gaining supervisory and administrative experience by assisting the RD in leading the hall staff and residential community.
*9+ Hours/Wk, $4200.00 stipend, & Free Room/Board

Graduate Resident Director (GRD) — Our GRDs act as paraprofessional staff by co-leading a residence hall with a full-time RD. The GRDs participate in the professional on-call rotation, hold conduct meetings and regular office hours, and participate in departmental committees.
*20 Hours/Wk, $11,000 stipend, Tuition, & Free Room/Board

Living/Learning Programs GA (LLP) — Working directly with our Associate Director of Living Learning Programs, the LLP GA will assist in the marketing, recruitment, and assessment of our eight exciting living/learning programs.
*20 Hours/Wk, $11,000 stipend, & Tuition

Programming Graduate Assistant (PGA) — PGAs support the program model in the first-year area by leading weekly conversation groups, providing

RHA & Leadership GA — This person works as an advisor to the Residence Hall Association (RHA). This includes developing training initiatives for e-board members, oversight of large scale programming, and has the opportunity to lead student delegations to relevant leadership conferences.
*20 Hours/Wk, $11,000 stipend, & Tuition

GA for Off-Campus Housing (OC) — This person assists the AD for Off-Campus by developing outreach and programming for off-campus students, as well as assists incoming undergrad and grad students seeking off-campus housing.
*20 Hours/Wk, $11,000 stipend, & Tuition

GA for Recovery & Support Programs — This person assists the AD for Recovery Programs by developing outreach and programming for students in substance dependence recovery, as well as assists in assessment and support for the non-drinking student population at Boston College.
*20 Hours/Wk, $11,000 stipend, & Tuition

Positions Joining Ministry & Residential Life

Graduate Ministry Corporation (GMCs) — Members of our GMC act as a pastoral presence and resource for our first-year students by promoting their spiritual, social, educational, intellectual, and vocational development in the halls.
*20 Hours/Wk, $10,000 stipend, & Tuition

GA for Residential Ministry (GRM) — This GA assists with retreats, trainings, and the Conversation Project, a program which matches at-risk students with faculty or staff conversation partners.
*20 Hours/Wk, $11,000 stipend, & Tuition

Visit the Boston College website at www.bc.edu/reslife for more information.