

Graduate Assistantship Position Description
Focus: Vocational Discernment
Rounding: Residence Life Ministry Caldwell-Adele

With a focus in vocational discernment, this Graduate Assistant collaborates with their supervisory campus minister to foster deep appreciation of and student engagement in vocational discernment. Through faith formation, mentoring, and empowering student leaders the GA helps create a community that supports lifelong practices of discerning one's calling. Rounding out the focus experience in vocational discernment, this GA will gain experience in key aspects of residence life ministry (primarily pastoral care and ministry of presence) under the mentorship of a campus minister who focuses on this area of ministry.

I. Ministry Role, Responsibilities, and Relationships

A. Focus Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 45% in fall, 65% in spring)

- Work with supervisor to implement the Callings program
 - Plan the fall Callings reunion and interview leaders of the coming year (fall)
 - Lead and work with student co-directors in preparation and planning for summer Callings program (spring)
 - Form student leaders by teaching Callings mini-course , planning a service day for leaders, and facilitating leaders retreat (spring)
- Provide support for Chaminade Scholars program
 - Plan and facilitate the Chaminade Scholars fall retreat (fall)
 - Participate in Chaminade Scholars selection (spring)
 - Teach Chaminade scholars mini-course (spring)
 - Collaborate with supervisor to facilitate Chaminade Scholars retreat (spring)

B. Rounding Ministry Responsibilities (approx. 45% in fall, 25% in spring)

- Be available as a spiritual and pastoral resource to students in Caldwell/Adele by responding to pastoral care needs and facilitating Faith and Life chats
- Work with mentor to support the spiritual needs of Caldwell/Adele staff and to foster working relationships with Caldwell/Adele housing staff in order to facilitate responsive pastoral care in Gardens.
This includes:
 - providing semi-regular campus ministry presence at Caldwell/Adele RA meetings
 - assisting with Residence Life Ministry mini-retreat for RAs during August RA Orientation (ULI)
 - meeting residents through first CBMs in August/September
- Time Permitting, assist Neighborhood GA by facilitating Vocation dinners in the Student Neighborhood
- Time permitting, assist the Neighborhood Campus Minister with Marianist for upper division students

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.