Residential Peer Advocate

Residential Peer Advocates (RPAs) are live-in, part-time, student staff members within the Honors & Scholars Center. RPAs reside in each of the three Honors residence halls and provide peer-to-peer support in delivering a successful Honors Learning Community experience for students. RPAs actively support the community building and academic enrichment efforts of the other in-hall Residence Life staff through timely, ongoing and relevant, Honors-focused information and resources. By being an active and informed member of the OSU Honors residence hall community, RPAs serve as active liaisons between Honors staff in terms of coordinating and implementing various marketing, faculty involvement, e-Portfolio and programmatic assessment initiatives. RPAs are expected to serve as exemplary academic role models.

Time Commitment

The RPA position is a one-year student leadership opportunity. The contract period is for one full academic year (consecutive fall and spring semesters). Over the course of an academic year, RPAs work an average of 10 hours per week. However, some periods of time will require greater staffing demands (such as training, Welcome Week and special events). RPAs are required to be in-residence and to participate fully in all training prior to the opening of the residence halls.

Compensation & Selection

The RPA position is compensated by an hourly rate of $10.51.

Applications are due on Sunday, February 28th at 11:59 p.m. Select candidates will be granted interviews, to be conducted in early March. Offers for the RPA position will be made in mid to late March. Training will be held the week prior to the start of classes. Early move in costs will be covered by the center.

Eligibility Requirements:

- RPAs must be undergraduate students enrolled in the University Honors Program
- A minimum of a 3.4 cumulative GPA is required at the time of application and start of the position. RPAs must maintain a 3.4 semester and cumulative GPA and remain in good standing as an Honor student to remain in their position.
- RPAs must be in good standing with Student Conduct at the time of application and throughout employment.
- At the time of application, RPAs must have lived in a residence hall for at least one full year at The Ohio State University and be planning to live on campus for the following academic year by going through the housing reselection process.
- RPAs will view the position as their primary employment.
- Although not required, applicants are encouraged to have prior experience with the Honors & Scholars e-Portfolio.

RPA Responsibilities

Community Building & Academic Planning

- Keep residents informed of Honors & Scholars events and opportunities
- Assist Honors staff and hall staff in planning and delivering programs for the Honors Learning Community
- Be an active member of Hall Council
- Educate residents collectively and individually about academic success strategies
- Educate and support residents with their Honors Program e-Portfolio

Individual Student Support

- Maintain in-hall and roaming office hours

Administrative Duties

- Attend meetings with supervisor, Hall Director, and RA staff
- Create and maintain Honors related bulletin boards on a monthly basis
- Other duties as assigned

For more information, visit the application at http://go.osu.edu/HonorsRPA