POSITION: The Graduate Assistant for Academic Initiatives is a live-in assistantship open to full-time graduate students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The position requires the interest in and commitment to working with University faculty and staff, full-time Residence Life professionals, paraprofessional staff, and student residents in a collaborative effort to promote the growth, personal development, and academic success of our students.

Graduate Assistants for Academic Initiatives work with academic initiatives in University Housing including, but not limited to, the Faculty and University Associate (F/UA) program, Living Learning Communities, academic success programming and academic early interventions. Graduate Assistants for Academic Initiatives will assist with planning and creating large-scale programming as well as smaller community-based events. Graduate Assistants for Academic Initiatives will play a key role in facilitating early intervention conversations with students who demonstrate indicators of academic concerns.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale houses 4,400 residents in traditional residence halls, apartments, and family housing areas. For additional information please visit our website at http://www.housing.siu.edu

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Directly supervise student staff members serving in a live-in, academic-focused position
- Coordinate and oversee early intervention meetings with students who demonstrate indicators of academic concerns
- Facilitate collaboration among Residence Life staff, students, and university faculty and staff
- Foster positive relationships among live-in Residence Life staff, student members of Living Learning Communities (LLCs), and the LLCs’ associated faculty and staff members
- Plan and implement programs and events to support the academic efforts of University Housing
- Develop, promote, and implement programs and events to promote positive academic and personal behaviors of student residents and recognize academic success
- Serve in area duty rotations for up to 2,000 residents and provide crisis intervention and emergency response
- Recruit and interview candidates for all Residence Life positions
- Collaborate with and serve on departmental and University committees
- Maintain the orderly administrative function of the area
- Complete duties as deemed important and necessary to the effective support of residential communities

UNIVERSITY HOUSING MISSION STATEMENT:
University Housing exists to provide a high-quality, affordable living/learning environment that contributes to personal development and academic success.

REQUIREMENTS:
All Graduate Assistants must be enrolled as full time graduate students at SIU Carbondale. Enrollment in Higher Education or a related graduate program is preferred. Please review the SIU Carbondale website http://www.siu.edu for various graduate program deadlines to ensure academic eligibility. Offer of employment is contingent upon candidate being admitted to their respective graduate program by June 1, 2015. Continued employment is contingent upon maintenance of a 3.0 cumulative GPA each semester with no incomplete courses. This is a security-sensitive position. Before making an offer of employment, the University will conduct a pre-employment background investigation, which includes a criminal background check.

COMPENSATION:
$13,392 for a 9-month position ($1,488.00 per month before taxes for 9 months), plus over $12,000 in annual benefits including 100% tuition waiver (includes a nine-hour summer semester), year-round furnished apartment or private suite, all utilities (including cable and internet), and dining plan. Furnished housing is also provided to spouses/domestic partners and children residing with the Graduate Assistant.

Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest, current resume, and contact information for three current references. Email, fax, or mail completed application materials to the following:
Gena Stack, Coordinator - Residence Life
Grinnell Hall, Room 105 - Mail Code 6734
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