



Leadership and Social Change College Faculty Principal Position Description

Overview:

The faculty principal in the Leadership and Social Change College serves as the intellectual leader of the College, working collaboratively with the residence life live-in staff and partners in the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education, Division of Student Affairs, and the Leadership Education Collaborative to enhance the learning environment by engaging residents in educational activities designed to promote intellectual and community engagement. As such, the principal works with these partners and the College council to nurture a vibrant sense of community that fosters academic excellence, promotes faculty-student interaction, and enriches the student living-learning experience. The principal will share responsibility for fostering and shaping the social, cultural, and educational life of the College.

Responsibilities:

- Participate in faculty principal onboarding/training, provided by Housing & Residence Life.
- Live in the principal apartment (available for 12 months) and encourage a climate of academic excellence and community engagement through the creation, implementation, and facilitation of activities, events, and gatherings during the academic year.
- Encourage additional faculty involvement in all aspects of the residential environment.
- Convene a collaborative leadership team, including the program director and student life coordinator, for day-to-day operations and growth of the College.
- Utilize and manage the College budget, in collaboration with the leadership team.
- Host regular lectures, study breaks, or informal gatherings where students have the opportunity to interact with faculty and/or other guests.
- Creatively engage with students, residence life, and the College council to provide both recurring and one-time events that promote the pursuit of intellectual and community engagement.
- Participate in and support admissions processes for returning and first-year students.
- Participate in regular meetings with other faculty principals and program directors of living-learning communities.
- Meet semi-regularly with the associate director for academic initiatives and senior associate vice president for student affairs to discuss strategic growth and progress of the College.
- Special project work and planning during summer months (June – August) is available and can be negotiated by the principal and the senior associate vice president for student affairs.

Qualifications: A tenured or tenure-track faculty member of Virginia Tech; collaborative work style; desire for creating a holistic living-learning environment; ability to sustain a high level of engagement with students.

Terms: This is a nine-month, year-to-year appointment (August-May) with an annual evaluation each April. The aspiration term is for three years, renewable once for a maximum of six years. The principal is provided a \$9,000 administrative stipend (\$3,000 with negotiated three months summer work), a partially furnished apartment and supplemental meal allowance. The principal is expected to use the partial meal allowance in fulfillment of the responsibilities of the position.