



Honors Residential Commons

Faculty Principal Position Description

Overview:

The Faculty principal in the East Ambler Johnston Honors residential college serves as the intellectual leader of the college, working collaboratively with the residence life live-in staff, University Honors staff, and supporting faculty fellows to enhance the learning environment by engaging residents in educational activities designed to promote intellectual and community engagement. As such, the principal works with Residence Life, University Honors, and the residential college board of trustees 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 residential college.

Responsibilities:

- Participate in faculty principal orientation efforts, including travel to another campus with faculty-led residential colleges.
- 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.
- Utilize and manage the residential college budget that funds college activities
- 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 board of trustees to provide both recurring and one-time events that promote the pursuit of intellectual and community engagement.
- Meet and communicate regularly with the Honors' Residential Commons Student Life Coordinator to discuss college life.
- Serve as a member of the Honors Residential Commons board of trustees
- Serve as a de facto member of the university honors staff
- Participate in regular meetings per semester with faculty principal for West AJ residential college
- Special project work and planning for the Honors Residential Commons during summer months (June – August) is available and can be negotiated by the Principal and the 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 plan. The principal is expected to use the partial meal plan in order to fulfill the responsibilities of the principal position.

*Additional employment during the summer (June – July) can be negotiated each spring by the principal and associate vice president for Student Affairs