



The University of Massachusetts Amherst  
Housing and Residence Life  
is now accepting applications for:

## Graduate Assistant – Residential Learning for the 2008 – 2009 academic year

The Residential Learning Graduate Position is a graduate assistantship responsible for assisting and developing the collaboration between Residence Life and Academic Affairs as it pertains to the Residential First Year Experience. The main responsibilities include: supervision of student staff, developing and facilitating residential academic success initiatives, coordinating with faculty and instructors, and working with the First Year Experience Specialist (FYES) on a regular basis to implement the themes within the First Year Halls. This is a live-off position; however presence in the residence halls during working hours is essential. **Employment begins on August 4, 2008.**

**30 hour per week Graduate Assistant Position:** The graduate stipend for this position is \$21,352.50, and compensation includes standard graduate employee benefits including tuition waiver and partial health fee waiver. The contract dates are August 3, 2008 to December 20, 2008 for fall semester, and January 14, 2009 to May 26, 2009 for spring semester.

**Responsibilities include:**

- Peer Mentor Supervision, Training, and Selection
- Academic Programming and Event Planning
- Academic Success Initiatives
- Departmental Projects and Responsibilities (30 hour position)
- Diversity and Social Justice
- Administration

**Minimum Requirements:**

- Enrolled as a **full-time graduate student** in a degree-granting program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills, ability to work with a diverse population and knowledge of First Year student needs.
- Demonstrated skills in program development and implementation, supervision or strong background in leading group work. Familiarity with residence halls and college/university faculty.
- One year experience living/working within residence halls.
- One year work experience directly related to event planning or programming.
- Regular evening and some weekend work required.
- Valid class D (passenger vehicle) drivers license required.

\* Refer to Position Description for Preferred Qualifications

**How To Apply:**

All application materials may be downloaded from [www.housing.umass.edu/employ](http://www.housing.umass.edu/employ)

Submit an *Application Form, Resume, and 3 Reference Forms*\* to:

Kelly A. Gray, First Year Experience Specialist

University of Massachusetts Amherst, 213 Berkshire House, 121 County Circle Amherst, MA 01003

You may also submit via email to [Kgray@gw.housing.umass.edu](mailto:Kgray@gw.housing.umass.edu) or fax to 413-545-9566.

(\*3 Reference forms must be submitted by July 11, 2008)

**For More Information:**

Contact:

Kelly A. Gray at 413-545-0425

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**The Priority Application Deadline is July 11, 2008.  
Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.**