The Scholar in Residence (SIR) program is intended to increase the number of out-of-classroom learning opportunities available to UNC students. By inviting distinguished faculty and visiting scholars to live among students in the residence hall, Carolina Housing maintains its commitment to providing students with chances to enhance their overall university experience.

The Scholar in Residence will have the chance to engage students academically in the residence halls, in an informal setting. He or she will also have the chance to meet with students through established avenues such as Community Government [1] and RA-sponsored programming. Above all, we hope that the Scholar in Residence uses this unique opportunity to share knowledge and experiences, and increase students' ease with faculty interaction.

How SIRs are selected

Appointments are initiated by self-nomination or by referral from students and faculty members at UNC. All SIRs must demonstrate a commitment to learning outside of the classroom, undergraduate education, and working with diverse populations of students.

What SIRs will do

The Scholar in Residence can serve the University in a full-time, visiting, or part-time capacity.
• **A full-time SIR** will be provided on-campus housing and is asked to:
  ○ Hold 2-5 office hours/programs per week in the community.
  ○ Host a career interest session related to their interests/expertise.
  ○ Attend at least one Housing and Residential Education staff meeting per month
  ○ Attend at least one Community Government meeting per month.
• **A part-time SIR** will host at least 2 programs/activities during their appointment and attend appropriate community meetings. The part-time SIR appointment is for current UNC-Chapel Hill scholars who will not require housing arrangements.

**What SIR participants are saying**

At the conclusion of the pilot year for SIR, the following outcomes were reported:

- After participating in the SIR (Scholar in Residence) program, 100% of students were very likely (66.7%) or somewhat likely (33.3%) to increase their out-of-classroom interactions with faculty.
- As a result of taking part in the program, 83.3% of students feel more confident in their ability to approach faculty outside of the classroom.

**Additional Information**

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