

First Gens



The First Generation RLP strives to be a place for building intercultural competence, mutual understanding and friendships. We hope to form bonds between fellow self-identifying first generation college students here at Carolina. First Generation students are the first of their families to attend college and this is the overall defining factor of this RLP. Through programming we try to meet the needs of First Gens by providing academic resources, collaborations with campus partners, community building, reflections and resiliency skill building to set students up for success here at Carolina.

Foundation and Guiding Principles

Vision Statement: The First Gens Residential Learning Program (RLP) will empower residents to

- Thrive academically, socially and emotionally
- Develop the attitudes, behaviors, and perspectives of successful students
- Build a support network of peers and mentors
- Effectively engage with the campus community

Mission Statement: The First Gens RLP is an innovative, collaborative program with the Department of Housing and Residential Education. The program serves self-identified first-generation Carolina students in their first year. The First Gens RLP provides co-curricular activities, learning spaces, and opportunities to build relationships to supplement and enhance their first year at Carolina.

Goals and Learning Outcomes

Goal 1: Students will build community with other first generation college students as well as faculty and staff members.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will develop meaningful relationships with peers
- Students will reflect on their strengths and identify their Top 5
- Students will develop skills for self-advocacy and resiliency
- Students will identify study habits for success and improve time management skills

Goal 2: Students will set academic and personal goals that align with their interests and strengths.

Learning Outcomes:

- Students will articulate their academic interests, potential majors and careers of interest
- Students will create short term and long term S.M.A.R.T. goals
- Students will identify 1-3 extracurricular activities on campus they would like to become involved in

This RLP is housed in Hinton James Residence Hall, so those participating will live in a vibrant community with fellow first-year students.

Video produced by UNC student [Olivia Boersma](#) [1].

Hinton James Community



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Links

[1] <http://www.oboersma.com/>