

Scholar in Residence

Introduction:

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, the Department of Housing and Residential Education is showing 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 and socially in the residence halls in an informal setting. They will also have the chance to meet with students through established avenues such as Community Government and RA sponsored programming. Above all, we hope that the Scholar-In-Residence uses this unique opportunity to share knowledge, experiences, and increase students ease to interact with faculty. The SIR can serve the university in a visiting, part-time, or full time capacity and can be nominated or referred by students and faculty members at UNC.

Qualifications:

Scholars must be a member of university community or guest of a university department. Scholars should hold an advanced degree in an area of expertise. SIR's must demonstrate a commitment to learning outside of the classroom, undergraduate education, and working with diverse populations of students. SIR's must be willing to dedicate time and effort to meeting with students and community staff to accomplish all learning outcomes of the program. SIR's should also be open-minded when engaging with students.

General Scholar in Residence Responsibilities and Expectations:

SIR's will be expected to maintain the academic mission of the University, as well as the rules, expectations and goals of the Department of Housing and Residential Education. Each Scholar in Residence will receive a budget for community programming. There are three types of Scholar in Residence opportunities within the Department of Housing and Residential Education: Full-Time, Visiting, and Part-Time. General expectations are listed below followed by specific responsibilities for each SIR type.

- Host office/program hours a week in the community
- Host a career interest session relating to interests/expertise of SIR
- Attend community events to engage residents
- Maintain open communication with staff, community government, residents
- Attend SIR update meeting(s) with the Assistant Director for Academic Collaboration & Assessment
- Complete program evaluation
- Report any concerns to appropriate residential staff
- Serve as a campus resource to students
- Keep up to date with UNC community happenings through meetings with community director

Position Description & Responsibilities: Full-Time SIR

Full-Time Scholar in Residence appointment begins in August and ends in May of the academic year. Full-time Scholars in Residence will be provided an on-campus air-conditioned apartment with internet. Specific responsibilities include:

- Host at least 2-5 office/program hours a week in the community
- Attend community staff meetings at least two times a semester
- Attend community government meetings at least once a month

Position Description & Responsibilities: Visiting SIR

Visiting Scholar in Residence is a guest of a university department that lives in the residence hall for a short period of time (up to 3 months). Visiting Scholars in Residence will be provided an on-campus air-conditioned apartment with internet at a discounted rate of 30%. Specific responsibilities include:

- Host programs dependent on the length of visit
 - Ex: A week's stay requires one program; 1 month stay requires 3 programs, etc.
- Attend a community staff meeting (dependent on the length of stay)
- Attend a community government meeting (dependent on the length of stay)

Position Description & Responsibilities: Part-Time SIR

Part-time Scholars in Residence are current UNC faculty or affiliates that do not live in the residence halls. Part-time Scholars are assigned to a specific community and agree to host program and office hours in that community for a semester. Part-time SIRs may be provided a stipend if funds are available. Specific responsibilities include:

- Host at least 6 programs during the semester
- Host at least 6 office hours during the semester
- Attend community staff meetings at least two times during the semester
- Attend community government meetings at two times during the semester

Program Support:

1. **Housing and Benefits:** The SIR is provided with a furnished one-bedroom apartment in a residence hall on-campus. Utilities, cable, and internet connection is provided. The program does not cover the cost moving or liability insurance for personal property.
2. **Program Budget:** The SIR is provided with a program budget. Use of these funds must follow DHRE accounting procedures. These funds are available for programming purposes only in an effort to facilitate contact between residents and the scholar.

Conditions of Appointment:

Scholars in Residence will be selected from one of the following methods: recruitment by DHRE, student nominations, and Scholar self-nominations. All potential Scholars will complete an interest form. The Assistant Director of Academic Collaboration & Assessment reserves the right to remove any SIR who is found to be in conflict with any of the terms and conditions of their appointment, fails to perform the responsibilities of the position to an acceptable degree, or violates any University rules and regulations. An assessment of the SIR will take place at the conclusion of each appointment.