



# UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT LIFE

## Residential Life

### Graduate Hall Director Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Do I need to have direct residence life experience to apply for the GHD position?**

While relevant experience is preferred, it is not mandatory to be selected for a GHD position.

#### **On average, what is the weekly time commitment required of a GHD?**

GHDs commit approximately 20 hours per week to the role during the academic year. This work will include oversight of student leaders (resident advisers) via one on one meetings and team meetings, wellness support/crisis intervention for residents, incident follow up, committee work, advising hall council, and administrative tasks (budget, programming, facilities management, communicating with partner offices, assisting with departmental processes, etc.).

#### **What would my support structure look like as a GHD?**

GHDs report to either an Associate Director of Residential Life or a Residence Hall Director, depending on the position. You will meet weekly with your supervisor for coaching and support around the various aspects of the role.

#### **Where does Residential Life fit into the organizational structure of Columbia?**

Residential Life supports the undergraduate students of Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science. Residential Life is one of three offices within the larger department of Undergraduate Student Life (USL); Res Life's partner offices within USL are Student Engagement and Multicultural Affairs. The three offices of Undergraduate Student Life report to the Dean of Undergraduate Student Life, who reports to both the Dean of Columbia College and the Dean of the Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Science.

#### **What are the living accommodations like?**

Living accommodations vary slightly. GHDs live in spaces similar to a small studio apartment. All spaces include a private bathroom and access to a kitchen.

#### **Can I live in the GHD accommodations with a partner, spouse, and/or children?**

Residential Life does not explicitly prohibit GHDs from living with a partner/spouse or child. Due to the nature of the accommodations available, this would be case-dependent.

#### **Can I have a pet within my living accommodations?**

In alignment with our office's residential guidelines for students, pets are not permitted for GHDs.

Should you have further questions regarding the GHD position, please consult the GHD position and qualifications summary, or contact Haley Carson, Associate Director of Residential Life at [hc3081@columbia.edu](mailto:hc3081@columbia.edu).