Cultural and Linguistic Mentor Position Description

SUMMARY OF POSITION
The Language House living learning communities (Casa de Espanol, La Maison Francaise, and La Casa Italiana) are located in Global Neighborhood D (Zambezi House). Each of the communities has a Cultural and Linguistic Mentor (CLM) who works with the faculty advisor, Assistant Director of the Global Neighborhood, Rei Haycraft, and the Faculty Director of the Global Neighborhood, Professor Amy Allocco. The two most important responsibilities of the CLM position are to foster the academic mission of the Global Neighborhood by serving as a peer mentor on the hall and to foster student growth in the target language by initiating interactions with your LLC residents in that language.

POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES:
As CLM, you will:
- Foster an environment for active learning of the particular language house culture and language on a daily basis with the residents by routinely speaking in the language and encouraging all types of exchanges and activities to be conducted in that language.
- Promote and attend Global Neighborhood events, and encourage LLC student attendance at these events as well. This includes responding in a timely manner to emails from the Faculty Director and the Assistant Director of Residence Life, particularly when you are asked to complete specific promotional tasks.
- Work closely with your faculty advisor as well as establish/maintain strong linkages with other faculty and staff members in the Department of World Languages and Cultures to foster academic support for the language house residents. The faculty advisor expects you to keep the “pulse” of the community and to let her/him know how things are going.
- Work closely with the Resident Assistant assigned to the language community and co-organize programmatic opportunities for students.
- In consultation with the faculty advisor, organize and conduct at least three formal academic, cultural, or social programs each semester open to the Elon community at large and geared specifically towards the increasing LLC members’ understanding of or engagement with the target language and/or culture(s).
- Organize and encourage participation in informal academic and social programs related to the target language such as study groups, movie nights, hall dinners, etc.
- Engage in educational opportunities and possible joint collaborative projects with the other LLCs in Global Neighborhood.
- Participate in Spring Orientations and other recruitment events and marketing in conjunction with the faculty advisor for the particular language community.

This position reports to the faculty advisor of the particular language community. In addition to meeting regularly with the faculty advisor, the CLM will meet periodically with the Global Neighborhood Assistant Director and Faculty Director. There will be an annual evaluation process in addition to the evaluations mandated by the performance and university contracts.

TIME COMMITMENT & COMPENSATION
The CLM position is one that requires full-time enthusiasm and dedication to encouraging others to improve in their understanding of and ability to use the target language! You should expect for your administrative CLM duties to take a minimum 5 hours of your time per week. This should include participation in all of the GN activities and the planning of and participation in LLC-specific activities. However, you are expected to be a visible and vibrant member of the community. This position is compensated $1000 per year (stipend of $500 per semester) and priority for a single room on the floor.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE
Priority will be given to applicants who are native speakers of the target language. However, students returning from study abroad or who have other long-term experiences living in the target culture and who demonstrate advanced competency in the target language and culture will also be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS
If interested, please email a letter of interest and resume to the appropriate advisor and llc@elon.edu and apply to live within the specific LLC on ontrack through the Residence Life Housing Application. Please contact the residence Life office at 336-278-7300 or review the Residence Life Living Learning Community website for more information. Positions are filled on a first-come first-serve basis.