

**Title:** Graduate Apprentice for Academic-Residential Partnerships

**Department:** Provost/Residence Life (dual report)

**Supervisors:** Director of Academic Initiatives for the Residential Campus and Associate Director of Residence Life for Residential Education and Community Development **Office**

**Location:** Global Commons, Global Education Center

### **Living & Learning at Elon**

At Elon University, we take a holistic approach to education, recognizing that it is not enough to provide the means for academic success, but we must also provide tools, knowledge, and resources to support students' personal, professional, and social development. This is why Elon offers all students a premier residential campus experience focused on the integration of living, learning, and personal development. All on-campus housing at Elon is located within a [neighborhood](#) that works to integrate the academic, social, and residential aspects of college life for students so that students' experiences—from the classroom to the dining hall to the residential community—are seamless. Living and Learning at Elon extends the university's national reputation for engaged learning, reconnecting living on campus with the [mission](#), core values, and functions of the university. The result is a deepened intellectual climate and an inclusive learning community that extends from the classroom to the residence hall.

The Director of Academic Initiatives for the Residential Campus works closely with the Associate Director of Residence Life for Residential Education and Community Development and other key staff in Residence Life to connect residential programming to academic and curricular initiatives in each neighborhood. We enjoy strong collaborative relationships across the Divisions of Student Life and Academic Affairs.

Please visit <https://www.elon.edu/u/academics/living-and-learning/> for more information.

### **Position Description**

The Graduate Apprentice works directly with the Director of Academic Initiatives for the Residential Campus and the Associate Director of Residence Life for Residential Education and Community Development to provide peer leaders of the Living and Learning at Elon initiative with the knowledge, skills and dispositions to advance the resident students' social, intellectual and personal development in residential communities. The Graduate Apprentice coordinates neighborhood academic initiatives and events, and assists with departmental marketing initiatives. The apprentice also contributes to the success of the (LL@E) by conducting ongoing assessment of student leadership in advancing Elon's living-learning programs. Over the course of the two years of the apprenticeship, the ARPGA will deepen the impact of Elon students' integrative learning experiences in our residential neighborhoods by developing a data-driven program or initiative at the neighborhood or LLC level that responds to institutional assessment of Elon's living-learning programs and incorporates recent research in academic-residential partnerships.<sup>1</sup> This project of the ARPGA will be developed in the first year of the apprenticeship in close consultation with both the Director of Academic Initiatives for the Residential Campus and the Associate Director of Residence Life for Residential Education and Community Development.

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<sup>1</sup> It's important to note that the graduate apprentice will have the opportunity to review new multi-institutional research and scholarship being advanced through the Center for Engaged Learning's 2017-2019 seminar on Residential Learning Communities as a High Impact Practice, which is co-led by the Director of Academic Initiatives for the Residential Campus. This new research may be relevant for the ARPGA's two-year project.

**Primary Duties**

- Work closely with supervisors to create leadership development and training for key student leadership positions connected to Living and Learning at Elon: Lead Student Mentors, Living Learning Community Student Ambassadors, and the Student Program Coordinators for Student Directed Learning Communities, focused on peer leadership, event management, and organizational advising
- Work closely with supervisors to design (in the first year) and implement (in the second year) an assessment plan examining the various student leadership roles in the residential campus
- Assist with LLC student recruitment and marketing efforts
- Help to coordinate and assist in evaluating proposals for new Student Directed Learning Communities
- Be an investigator on quantitative and qualitative research projects examining the impact on students of Elon's faculty in residence, LLCs, and residentially-linked first year seminars
- Write blog posts, E-Net articles, and maintain social media presence to promote Living and Learning at Elon at institutional, regional, and national level
- Meet weekly with supervisors to receive guidance on work and reflect on learning
- Meet with supervisors at the start of the academic year to develop a professional development plan connecting graduate apprenticeship to courses and career goals
- In conjunction with supervisors, complete end of semester evaluations

**Additional Responsibilities Required**

- Create strong partnerships with University departments across the divisions of Student Life and Academic Affairs
- Support the implementation of Institutional priorities, Academic Affairs priorities, and residential campus priorities
- Participate in departmental and university working groups and committees as assigned