EDUCATION AND SOCIETY THEME (EAST) HOUSE

Academic Theme Associate (ATA)

The Education and Society Theme (EAST) House is an academic theme house for students with interests in Education, broadly conceived. Sixty-one undergraduates live in the house located in Governor’s Corner. Residents at EAST House pursue a variety of majors, not all of them related to Education, but they share a commitment to learning about Education through academic programs on campus and within the residence itself.

Position Description

Academic Theme Associates (ATAs) bear considerable responsibility in the residential program and can expect to spend at least six to ten hours a week on theme-and house-related activities. Flexible schedules and a willingness to spend considerable time in the house and at house-related activities are expected of the ATAs. EAST maintains three ATAs on staff to support the theme.

EAST House ATAs have four main responsibilities:

1. To work with the RFs on organizing theme-related programming, including a yearlong seminar on current issues in Education; events related to various career and volunteer opportunities in Education; and other social events related to Education. ATAs are expected to help create seminar topics, build and maintain faculty liaisons, contact speakers from inside and outside the Stanford community, and encourage participation by house members and the entire Stanford Community.

2. To work with pre-assignment and other residents to develop and execute theme-related programs and projects, such as those listed above in addition to others of interest to the ATAs and to pre-assignment residents. They are expected to hold regular meetings with the pre-assignment residents and others who are interested in the theme.

3. To be active members of the EAST House staff by attending staff retreat and other mandatory trainings and to help prepare the House for the arrival of residents. ATAs meet on a weekly basis with the RFs and student staff to share responsibility for making the house a well-functioning, active house and community. ATAs are expected to attend house events (including all theme-related events), assist other staff members, and help in other ways to ensure that the house runs smoothly. The ATAs are expected to hold regular meetings with each other and other staff (e.g., the Program Associate) as needed in addition to any in-service training events or meetings.

4. To help build community in the house by maintaining an active presence in the house and by getting to know all residents. ATAs, like other staff members, are expected to eat their meals regularly at the house, keep their doors open as much as possible, and try to engage active participation in house events by all residents.
Compensation

ATAs receive $1000 a quarter. They also have the opportunity to be among the first to select their room among those available in the house. Other benefits include the chance to increase one’s professional development and leadership skills; broaden one’s understanding of Education; and meet a wide variety of students, faculty, and staff in the course of the year.

Eligibility

ATAs must have one year of guaranteed housing, which will be used if selected. Staff use Tier 3 for their housing. Staff must be registered for all three quarters, except for graduating seniors.

Selection

ATAs are selected in a competitive process by the Resident Fellows in consultation with the current ATAs.

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Academic Theme Associate (ATA) Application Process

SHORT QUESTIONS: Answer each of the following questions in 500 words or fewer.

1. Explain what interests you about the field of Education and how you would inspire others to be passionate about the field.

2. Describe a large event that you would like to help organize at EAST House. Describe the topic and goals. Address what you would do specifically to attract interest in the event among House residents and the wider Stanford community.

3. What one word describes why people appreciate or enjoy working with you? Explain.

EXTRACURRICULARS: List your extracurricular activities and hours per week for the 2014-2015 academic year. Include activities such as job searches, graduate school applications/ interviews, as well as other student group activities and anything else outside of your studies.

RESUME: Submit a current resume (PDF) that includes the name, email, and phone number of two Stanford-affiliated references (academic or work-related).

SUBMIT your application at http://selection.stanford.edu