Branner Theme Associate Position Description

About Branner
Branner’s public service theme is intended to attract students from a range of majors who are involved and/or interested in one or more of the public service pathways (direct service, politics/policy, activism, philanthropy, community engaged-scholarship, social entrepreneurship), and who seek a community of like-minded peers to support, inspire, and deepen their service understanding and experience.

About the Theme Associates Position
The Theme Associates are responsible for promoting and maintaining Branner’s Public Service theme and building community among residents. They recruit and help select pre-assigned theme residents before next year’s Draw; organize service projects for the dorm; lead theme meetings; organize a theme retreat to launch the year; organize service-related programming including guest speakers, workshops and events; and increase residents’ enthusiasm for and understanding of public service.

TAs are also an integral part of the residential staff team. In this capacity, TAs are expected to get to know residents, attend staff and house meetings, eat regularly in Branner Dining, and participate in dorm-wide activities. The TAs work closely with each other, other residential staff members, the ResEd Program Associate and the RFs. They will attend the weekend long Branner staff retreat in early September and other staff activities through out the year. TAs maintain an affiliation with the Haas Center for Public Service and periodically attend staff meetings at the Center to stay informed about upcoming events and projects.

Eligibility

For full details on eligibility consult: http://studentaffairs.stanford.edu/resed/selection

In summary, to be a Branner Public Service Theme Associate, you must have a guaranteed year of undergraduate housing remaining. You are expected to be a registered student living in the residence during all three quarters of your appointment. If you meet applicable requirements, you may register at a reduced level.

If you have questions about eligibility please contact ResEd at selection@lists.stanford.edu.
Any Questions?
Please contact the Branner Resident Fellows, Thomas and Mary Esther Schnaubelt at thomas.schnaubelt@stanford.edu or maryesther.schnaubelt@stanford.edu.

Branner Theme Associate Application Process

1. Please answer each of the following questions in 250 words or less. Responses should be typed.
   a. Describe what you see as the most significant service project you are working on right now, or in the recent past. Why is it significant to you?
   b. Describe a public service event or program that you have organized and your role in the event/program.
   c. What kinds of service-oriented programming can you imagine organizing for Branner?
   d. Beyond an explicit focus on service, how would you build community in your hall and in the dorm? How would you view your role as a member of the residential staff team?
   e. As a TA, how might you use your work in Branner (and other roles on campus) to help build a stronger culture of service at Stanford?

2. Please list the names and contact information of three people who know you in a service, academic or residential capacity, whom we may contact as a reference.

3. Provide a copy of your current resume (optional).

Thanks for your interest in Branner!