

UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
**FRESHMAN INTEREST GROUP (FIG) PROGRAM**  
2008 RETURNING FIG LEADER APPLICATION

**\*A maximum of 12 credits from General Studies 470 may be applied to your transcript\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s): hm \_\_\_\_\_ wk/cell \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s)/intended major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

What other areas of study have you seriously considered, if any? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please respond to the following prompts. Your responses should be typed, double-spaced and follow the page length guidelines after each question. Attach your response to this page when you submit your application. Application Deadline is Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm to Mary Gates Hall 171.**

1. As a returning FIG Leader, you have already gone through this experience at least once. What are your motivations for being a FIG Leader again? *(No more than one page)*
2. Based on what you have learned as a FIG Leader, what do you think you can contribute to new FIG Leaders as you are participating in training with them? *(No more than one page)*
3. What is at least one specific change you want to make to your class structure, now that you have had some practice and tested some things out in front of a class? Why? (e.g. different attendance policy, different attitude, how you conducted the first class, different lesson plan ideas, etc.) *(no more than one page)*

***Attached you will find the information sheet we are giving to students who are applying to be FIG Leaders for the first time. Please read through it to see the changes for autumn 2008 (there aren't many)!***

***\*\*\*\*\*Please note that you will have to attend the Mandatory Intro Meeting that will be held at the end of Winter Quarter on Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. In other words, you WILL NOT be able to choose your own session like last year. This will be when we "unveil" the changes to the Returning FIG Leader experience, so you must be there. Get the day off from work now!!!!***

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## 2008 FIG LEADER APPLICATION INFORMATION

This application packet is designed to inform you about the 2008 FIG Leader position. So read through this information carefully. **PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR YOUR RECORDS**; it contains important information you may need to refer to again in the future.

### APPLICATION PROCESS.

- Return completed applications to: First Year Programs, 171 Mary Gates Hall
- **Deadline: Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm to Mary Gates Hall 171**
- The FIG staff will review an unofficial copy of your UW transcript.
- All correspondence with applicants will be done **VIA EMAIL**.

### SELECTION PROCESS.

- **STEP 1:** Attend an **optional** Information Session about the FIG Program
  - [Mon, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> – 2:30-3:20 (MGH 191A), Tue, Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-4:20 (ECC), Thurs, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>– 11:30-12:20 (MGH 191A), Fri, Jan 25<sup>th</sup> – 1:30-2:20 (ECC), Mon, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-4:20 (MGH 191A), Tue, Jan 29<sup>th</sup>– 12:30-1:20 (MGH 191A)
- **STEP 2:** Fill out application and submit to Mary Gates Hall room 171 by February 4 by 5:00 PM.
  - We will make a cut solely based off of the application. **There will be no interviews!**
  - **We will be in contact about our decisions over email by MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>.**
- **STEP 3:** All of those chosen from the application process will be required to take a GEN ST 470 (one-hour and fifty minutes once a week) class during spring quarter.
  - Taking the GEN ST 470 class in spring **DOES NOT** guarantee you a FIG Leader position. We are going to have more people take the class than we need to lead FIGs and your performance (i.e. communication, attitude, effort, and commitment) will be assessed at the end of spring quarter. With that said everyone will have the opportunity to lead a FIG, some may end up team-teaching. Those who are not selected to lead a FIG will still be eligible to receive the 3-credits for training.

\*\*If you are going to be studying abroad spring quarter and will not be available for training please email us and we can discuss options for you.

### ABOUT THE FIG PROGRAM AND GENERAL STUDIES 199.

- FIGs are groups of 20 to 25 new UW freshmen co-enrolled in a cluster of classes for the fall quarter.
- Each FIG includes a section of General Studies 199: *The University Community*, a course facilitated by a FIG Leader, an experienced UW undergraduate who serves as a teacher and mentor.
- The purpose of General Studies 199 is to help students understand what the UW expects of them, to help students understand what they can expect of the UW, and to take active steps toward maximizing their educational experiences. It is structured around topics such as social issues, diversity, academic planning, campus resources and goal setting.
- A complete plan for the program will be ready by the time FIG Leader training begins at the end of winter quarter.

### FIG LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES.

- Spring quarter training (explained more below)
- Teaching a section of General Studies 199 in autumn quarter. FIG Leaders are responsible for preparing each class session (the curricular framework for General Studies 199 is provided by the FIG Program, but each FIG Leader must prepare a lesson plan building on that framework, most of this will be done during training)

- Pre-quarter training (Fri, Sept 19) and a pre-quarter meeting (Sun, Sept 21)
- Attend a one-hour biweekly class for FIG Leaders during autumn quarter **in addition to** GEN ST 199
- Must check email frequently!

#### **FIG LEADER TRAINING.**

- An introductory meeting at the end of winter quarter. (Two or three introductory meetings (2 hours) will be held at a variety of times so that each accepted applicant can choose a meeting that fits with his or her schedule). These will be on either Friday March 7 or Saturday March 8.
- Spring quarter training will consist of a 3-credit course, GEN ST 470, offered at a variety of times for one-hour and fifty minutes once a week, it will consist of intensive training in public speaking, discussion facilitation, lesson plan development, and leadership.
- All FIG Leaders will reconvene at the beginning of autumn quarter for the **mandatory** Pre-Quarter Training (Friday, September 19) as well as the Pre-Quarter FIG meeting (Sunday, September 21); Times TBA.
- Training continues throughout autumn quarter, consisting of biweekly small-group FIG Leader meetings, a continuation of the GEN ST 470 in the spring.
- FIG Leaders are eligible to receive 3 credits for GEN ST 470 in Spring Quarter and 3 credits for GEN ST 470 in Autumn Quarter.

#### **FIG LEADER ELIGIBILITY.**

- UW-Seattle undergraduates
- Having been in a FIG is NOT required.

#### **QUESTIONS?/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

- Email: [figs@u.washington.edu](mailto:figs@u.washington.edu)
- Call: 206-543-4905
- Information Sessions:
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