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**GRADUATE  
COMMUNITY  
ASSISTANT**

## **Discovery is at the heart of our university**

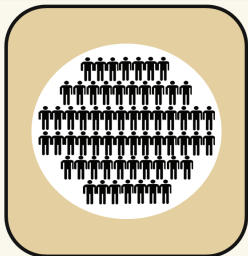
At the University of Washington, we educate a diverse student body to become responsible citizens and future leaders. We discover timely solutions to the world's most complex problems and enrich the lives of people throughout our community, the state of Washington, the nation, and the world.

## **Working together to enhance student life**

The mission of Housing & Food Services, working together to enhance student life, guides everything we do as a department. The Residential Life program is committed to supporting students in creating connections, discovering their purpose, and responsible citizenship development.

# BY THE NUMBERS

## GRADUATE HOUSING IN MERCER COURT



**70:1**

Residents to CA ratio



**4**

Events each CA plans per quarter



**20**

Times per quarter each CA is on duty



**2**

Graduate-only buildings



**285**

Beds in graduate housing



**4**

Community Assistants



Trey

### **What do you enjoy most about being a graduate CA?**

Getting the opportunity to meet and interact with all of the amazing residents. Mercer D/E is lucky to have a very diverse, interesting, and passionate group of individuals who are exciting to engage with.

### **What has been most surprising about the CA position?**

It has been great to develop relationships with individuals outside of my program who I feel genuinely care about me and support me. It has made moving across the country to go to graduate school a lot easier. I also feel that many of the skills I am building through my work as a CA will benefit me greatly for the rest of my career.

### **Why did you want to be a CA?**

I have always been passionate about being involved in the community that I live in. Being a CA gave me the opportunity to engage directly with the community that I live in here at UW. I am passionate about supporting others in their passions as well as their daily lives.



Emily

### **What do you enjoy most about being a graduate CA?**

I enjoy getting to know residents and being a part of the larger Mercer community. This job is an amazing opportunity to meet so many people that you wouldn't normally have the opportunity to meet, if only because sometimes academic fields become so separate from one another. Plus, it feels more like home when you know all your neighbors! It's also a very flexible position; many of the hours you work are done on your own schedule.

### **Why did you want to be a CA?**

I wanted to continue my undergraduate work of supporting on-campus students as they make their way through school. Grad school can be hard, but having a support system built into your residence hall can make the difficulties of school feel a lot more manageable, and I wanted to be a part of that support system. I also think it's important to try to contribute to the feeling of community within a residence hall, and to not only feel that sense of community, but to be a part of making it happen, was definitely a big reason for me wanting to join the CA team.



**Gabi**

### **What do you enjoy most about being a graduate CA?**

I enjoy having a leadership role in my community, it is so rewarding to see a community flourish and know that your work played a part in that.

### **What has been most surprising about the CA position?**

The CA position is a really cool mix of cultivating relationships and event planning, and it is almost always incredibly fun to do both of these things.

### **Why did you want to be a CA?**

I wanted to be a CA because I love building connections with new people and creating a welcoming community. The CA position allows me to do both!



Michael

### **What do you enjoy most about being a graduate CA?**

Working in Res Life has opened my eyes to all of the amazing things happening around campus. As a grad student, I had spent most of my first year holed up on the medical campus, not appreciating all that the university had to offer.

### **What has been most surprising about the CA position?**

The most surprising aspect of the working in Res Life has been how quickly I became part of a community, both within the Res Life staff as well as on campus.

### **Why did you want to be a CA?**

I wanted to be a CA so that I could leverage some of the unique opportunities which are available while you are a student and really to be a part of a community in a way which is challenging to find once you leave university life.

## **Position Overview**

The Community Assistant (CA) position is a live-in position within the University of Washington (UW) apartment communities. Under the direct supervision of professional staff, the CA establishes a cohesive and responsible community; models and supports issues related to diversity; facilitates the social and professional connections of residents; enforces and abides by the policies of the UW Department of Housing & Food Services (HFS) and the UW as well as Washington State and federal laws in the UW apartment communities; demonstrates sound judgment; participates in and facilitates a team approach with coworkers; completes necessary administrative tasks; and provides appropriate customer service to students and visitors.


## **To Apply**

[www.depts.washington.edu/hfsresed/ca](http://www.depts.washington.edu/hfsresed/ca)

## **Compensation**

- > Studio apartment
- > Level 4 dining meal plan
- > \$35 in laundry money each quarter
- > Opportunities for professional development





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