Graduate Assistant for Student Engagement

The Center for Student Activities & Involvement (CSAI), a unit of the Tate Student Center, seeks to empower students to contribute to the UGA community and a global society through student involvement and active participation on campus. CSAI is primarily responsible for the following: supporting 800+ student organizations through the registration process; providing general advising and facilitated leadership sessions on organizational management and skills to student organization leaders; the University Union Student Programming Board; student governance including the Student Government Association (SGA) and the Graduate-Professional Student Association (GPSA); UGA Homecoming; student media components including the WUOG 90.5 FM student-run radio station and the Pandora Yearbook; Glory Weeks—the official UGA welcome experience; students-in-transition programs including the Transfer Student Experience and Freshman Programs; Involvement Ambassadors program; Tate Leadership Scholars; Miss UGA Scholarship Pageant; and the National Student Exchange. The CSAI consists of seven professional staff members (Director, Assistant Director, three Senior Coordinators, and two administrative associates), two part-time employees, a doctoral intern, seven graduate assistants, and six student staff members.

The Graduate Assistant Student Engagement reports to the Assistant Director of Student Activities & Involvement. This position is primarily responsible for advising and supporting the events and initiatives of the SGA’s Freshman Programs, the Glory Weeks welcome initiative, and the Transfer Student Initiative.

This 10-month, 13 hours-per-week graduate assistantship provides a tuition fee waiver and a monthly stipend.

I. Main Responsibilities:

a. Co-advice the three SGA Freshman Programs groups—Freshman Board, Freshman Connect, and Freshman Forum
   i. Freshman Board – 15 first-year students who serve as SGA senators representing the freshman class
   ii. Freshman Connect – First-year students who work with the SGA Cabinet and respective initiatives
   iii. Freshman Forum – A service-oriented program that plans and executes service projects throughout the year

b. Co-advice the Freshman Programs directors and peer leaders to include one-on-one meetings, weekly group meetings, trainings, retreats
c. Assist in helping develop leadership curriculum for student directors, peer leaders, and first-year students in Freshman Programs

d. Attend SGA Senate and organizational-wide meetings

e. Collaborate with the SGA executive board and Graduate Assistant for SGA on Freshman Programs events and programs

f. Assist with the coordination of Freshman Programs application and interviews for first-year students

g. Maintain an active role in the planning, promotion, and implementation of Glory Weeks—the official UGA welcome experience that includes multiple weeks of programming across the campus community

h. Co-advise the Transfer Student Organization to include their respective events and initiatives

i. Assist in developing, publicizing, and distributing resources for transfer students

Supplemental Expectations:

a. Attend biweekly Center for Student Activities and Involvement staff meetings and departmental staff meetings

b. Meet regularly with supervisor to set goals each semester, monitor progress towards the goals, and conduct formal evaluations of work performed

c. Conduct regular assessment and benchmarking to improve and bring innovation to programs, events, and initiatives

d. Create reports for the Center for Student Activities and Involvement, highlighting work of programs, events, initiatives, and student leader experiences

e. Support the day-to-day office responsibilities, including advising student organization leaders and advisors on university policies and procedures, event planning policies, risk management, fundraising, recruitment, and member development

f. Serve as an advocate for the Center for Student Activities and Involvement and a resource to the campus community by facilitating involvement and outreach activities

g. Other duties as assigned

h. Qualifications

Registered University of Georgia master’s-level graduate student pursuing a degree in College Student Affairs Administration or a related field is desired.
A successful candidate will be able to do the following:

- Thrive in a dynamic and innovative environment
- Exhibit a pleasant and professional self-presentation
- Work effectively as a member of a high-paced team both independently and in groups
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with students, faculty, staff, fellow employees, and general public
- Display strong organizational skills and manage multiple on-going tasks
- Possess the ability to quickly learn to use new technology, software, and social media
- Demonstrate excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Maintain confidentiality of office constituents

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