



**2016-2017 ACADEMIC YEAR
GRADUATE RESIDENT SCHOLAR
APPLICATION PACKET**



**GRADUATE RESIDENT SCHOLAR (GRS)
APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND SELECTION PROCESS**

All candidates must take part in each stage of the process in order to be considered for a GRS position.

1. Please remember the minimum qualifications for application:
 - A full-time degree-seeking, masters-level student at MSU.
 - Maintaining term, cumulative and program of study GPA of 3.0 or better.

**All applicants are required to submit the following materials to Director of Residence Life, Jeff Bondy,
@ the following address
housing@montana.edu by February 3rd, 2016:**

1. A current resume and/or CV
2. Two letters of recommendation. One must come from your current or a former supervisor, and one must come from a current colleague.
3. A letter of interest that addresses: (Please limit responses to no more than one page per question)
 - a) Why you are interested in the position and any special areas of interest you may have in the position.
 - c) What you can contribute to your hall staff and to the Residence Life Department as a whole.
 - d) What you foresee being academic struggles of on-campus, undergraduate students and how could you, as a Graduate Resident Scholar, address these issues on your floor?
 - e) How you will use your area of study to not only better the Residence Life Department and its on-campus students, but also the Graduate School and the MSU community.
2. If you receive an interview, you will attend a mandatory workshop on February 27th from 8am-5pm.
3. RA Class starts March 8, 9, and 10; you will know by March 3rd at 5pm if you are invited to class. Class times are Tuesdays 4:30-6pm or Wednesdays 4:10-5:40pm or Thursdays 12:00pm-1:30pm.
4. Final decisions will go out no later than April 26, 2016.
5. All parts of the process are MANDATORY.
6. Falsification of any information on the application form will be considered grounds for rejection or dismissal and possible referral to the Dean of Students Office if information is found to have been intentionally misrepresented.

As you have questions or concerns about any aspect of this process, please feel free to talk to any current staff member or contact Jeff Bondy the Director of Residence Life, via email at jbondy@montana.edu

BENEFITS OF BEING A GRADUATE RESIDENT SCHOLAR

1. **Compensation a GRS receives room/board, tuition waiver (6 credits), and \$250.00 subsistence/month**
2. Meeting/ knowing many different types of people, and getting to understand them better.
3. Gaining new friends among students, staff, faculty, and administration.
4. The opportunity for development and understanding of oneself.
5. Working in a professional capacity with other RAs and residence hall personnel.
6. The opportunity to use GRS experience as a job reference; this “helping experience” may be particularly valuable to those entering the teaching profession or any type of work with people.
7. Personal strength and good feelings develop when people look up to you and have confidence in your abilities.
8. Feeling more connected to the University.
9. More accurate self-understanding due to seeking oneself in response to situations that would not otherwise arise. The demands on the GRS as a human being are dependent upon his/her particular relationship with his/her floor members and their individual personalities.
10. Experience gained by counseling/advising other students.
11. Experience gained by being a leader.
12. Experience gained by developing a sense of responsibility.
13. Experience gained by simply going through an application and interview process as a candidate.
14. Learning how to act in the face of an emergency.
15. A feeling that you have successfully helped others.

RA Mock Weekly Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 AM							
9:00 AM		Class	Class	Class			
10:00 AM					1:1 w/RD		
11:00 AM							
12:00 PM					Class	Class	
1pm							
2:00 PM							
3:00 PM	Paperwork						
4:00 PM	Homework						
5:00 PM			Start On-Call: In the building	5pm-6:30pm: Advisory/All Campus		Start On-Call: In the building	End On-Call: Start Night Away
6:00 PM	Weekly Staff Meeting		Door Decs	Cover Katie			
7:00 PM		Set-up/Recruit for RHA					
8:00 PM		RHA Event: Pie your RA	Passive Programming	Library/Study time with Staff	Movie @ the Pro w/Floor		
9:00 PM							Alcohol Policy Violation while on rounds
10:00 PM							
11:00 PM			Bulletin Boards				