Creativity and Innovation Living-Learning Community Faculty Principal

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Overview:
The faculty principal in the Creativity and Innovation District living-learning community serves as the intellectual leader of the community, working collaboratively with the leaders of the Studio 72 and Innovate living-learning communities as well as residence life live-in staff. Additionally, the faculty principal will work collaboratively with the School of Performing Arts, Schools of Visual Arts, and the Institute for Creativity, Arts, and Technology to enhance the learning environment by engaging residents in educational activities designed to promote intellectual and community engagement. As such, the principal works with these partners and the community council of student leaders to nurture a vibrant sense of community that fosters academic excellence, promotes faculty-student interaction, and enriches the student living-learning experience. The faculty principal will share the responsibility for fostering and shaping the social, cultural, and intellectual life of the community.

Responsibilities:
• Participate in faculty principal onboarding and training, provided by Housing and Residence Life.
• Live in the principal apartment (available for 12 months) and encourage a climate of academic excellence and community engagement through the creation, implementation, and facilitation of activities, events, and gatherings during the academic year.
• Encourage additional faculty involvement in all aspects of the residential environment.
• Lead a collaborative leadership team, including the program directors of Innovate and Studio 72 and the live-in student life coordinator, for day-to-day operations and growth of the community.
• Utilize and manage the community budget in collaboration with the leadership team.
• Host regular lectures, study breaks, or informal gatherings where students have the opportunity to interact with faculty and/or other guests.
• Creatively engage with students, residence life, and the community council of student leaders to provide both recurring and one-time events that promote the pursuit of intellectual and community engagement.
• Participate in and support admissions processes for returning and first-year students.
• Participate in regular meetings with other faculty principals and program directors of living-learning communities.
• Meet semi-regularly with the associate director for academic initiatives and senior associate vice president for student affairs to discuss strategic growth and progress of the community.
• Special project work and planning during summer months (June - August) is available and can be negotiated by the principal and the senior associate vice president for student affairs.

Qualifications:
A tenured or tenure-track faculty member of Virginia Tech; collaborative work style; desire for creating a holistic living-learning environment; ability to sustain a high level of engagement with students.

Terms:
This is a nine-month, year to year appointment (August-May) with an annual evaluation each April. The term is for three years, renewable once for a maximum of six years. The principal is provided a $9,000 administrative stipend ($3,000 with negotiated three months summer work), a furnished apartment and supplemental meal allowance. The principal is expected to use the partial meal allowance in order to fulfill the responsibilities of the principal position.