Graduate Assistant
Student Engagement & Enrollment Services
Dean of Student Offices - Student Government Association

Job Summary: The Graduate Assistant for the Student Government Association will assist with the supervision and development of the Student Government Association.

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Duties & Responsibilities:
• Assist with advising the committees within the senate, as well as co-advice the entire student government board with their issues, initiatives, and programs.
• Directly advise Committee Chairs and/or Executive officers.
• Assisting with the planning of leadership development retreats and ongoing leadership training.
• Assist SGA with maintaining current officer information, communication, elections, and senator training.
• Assist with other programs created by the Dean of Student Life.
• Serve as a member of the SEES staff and will be responsible for assisting with event planning and management.
• Co-advice and oversee all logistics for the recruitment and selection of the Students Leadership Council.

Required Skills:
• Regular or provisional admission in a graduate degree program (higher education program preferred) at ODU with good academic standing.
• Maintain a full course of study during the term of their appointment.
• Strong oral and written skills.
• Computer competency, especially Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Publisher, and the Internet requested.
• Excellent organizational skills.
• Demonstrated leadership ability, experience with student organizations, student government and budgets (Preferred).

Employment Schedule/Hours: The GA position requires 20 hours per week, including some evenings and weekend programs.

Academic Qualifications & Preferred Majors: Regular admission in a graduate degree program at ODU with good academic standing, maintenance of a full course load of student enrollment during the term of their appointment, and a 3.0 or higher GPA is required. Dropping below the required GPA or reducing one’s course load below full-time can be grounds for dismissal. Admissions in a Higher Education program preferred.

Knowledge and Skills Derived from Experience:
• GA will gain first-hand experience with advising students and student organizations.
• GA will develop an in-depth understanding of student governance and the role it plays on campus.
• GA will obtain experience in organizing retreats, managing budgets, and facilitating student learning.
• GA will obtain experience working with a team of student affairs professionals.
• GA will enhance his/her communication and skills.

**Compensation:** $15,000 will be paid over fall and spring semesters. Out-of-state students will receive a tuition waiver equivalent to in-state tuition.

**Length of Assistantship:** 9 months