

Residential College at West Ambler Johnston

Faculty Principal Position Description



Overview:

The Faculty Principal in the [Residential College at West Ambler Johnston](#) (located in [Ambler Johnston Hall](#)), provides the overall vision, builds faculty support and participation, and leads the overall programmatic direction for the residential college. The Residential College at West Ambler Johnston (RCWAJ) has established weekly events, as well as annual traditions, typically hosted by and/or attended by the Faculty Principal. These include speaker series, recognition banquets, and community gatherings. The Faculty Principal also works closely with the College Council (the governing body), Associate Faculty Principals & Senior Fellows (other faculty committed to the College), and Student Affairs to enhance the learning environment by engaging students in educational activities designed to promote intellectual and community engagement. The Faculty Principal nurtures a vibrant sense of community that fosters academic excellence, promotes faculty-student interaction, and enriches the student living-learning experience.

Responsibilities:

- Creatively engage with students and student affairs to provide both recurring and one-time events that promote the pursuit of intellectual and community engagement.
- Host regular intellectual discussions/presentations, study breaks, or informal gatherings where students have the opportunity to interact with faculty and/or other guests.
- Encourage and facilitate additional faculty involvement in all aspects of the residential college.
- Utilize and manage the residential college budget that funds college activities.
- Meet and communicate regularly with the Residential College at West AJ Assistant Director and the Office of Living-Learning Programs team to discuss college life.
- Serve as a member of the RCWAJ board of trustees.
- Participate in regular meetings per semester with other faculty principals.

Qualifications & Disposition:

The ideal candidate will be a tenured or a tenure-track faculty member who is extraordinarily collaborative, adaptable, and enjoys a high level of engagement with students. The Faculty Principal must be passionate about sustaining a culture of holistic learning, academic excellence, and serving as the chief architect of a residential experience that integrates the worlds of in-and-out of classroom student life. Similarly, the Faculty Principal is expected to integrate their scholarship, teaching, and personal interests into the role. Valuing inclusion, relationships, and working across university boundaries is essential.

Remuneration & Support:

This is a nine month, live-in, year-to-year appointment with an annual evaluation each summer. The term is for 3 years, renewable once for a maximum of six years. The Faculty Principal is provided a \$9,000 administrative stipend (an additional \$3,000 stipend can be negotiated for summer work if desired).

Student Affairs also provides the faculty member's home department with \$10,000 annually to be used for a course reduction or other support because of the additional responsibilities.

Since the Faculty Principal welcomes students and university guests into their home for events, the Faculty Principal is provided a 2,300-square-foot, 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath apartment with generous entertaining space. The faculty residence features large living, dining, and kitchen areas to support informal or formal gatherings of faculty and students. A partial dining center stipend is also provided for engagement with students on campus.