Office of Residence Life

Residential Area Manager Informational Guide

Saint Joseph’s University
Message from the Director

We are excited about your interest in a professional position within the Office of Residence Life at Saint Joseph’s University! We are a student-centered organization that strives to provide academically-focused housing and vibrant, inclusive communities. We focus on student development and learning, fostering a sense of belonging and connection, and providing care for our individual students. We serve a wonderful community of residential students and get to work with some of the most committed and kind student leader RAs around. We are thrilled that you are interested in learning more about our team and mission and we hope that you’ll consider taking the next step in your career by joining us here at Saint Joseph’s University! We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

Jessica Moran Buckridge
Director of Residence Life
University Mission:
As Philadelphia’s Jesuit Catholic University, Saint Joseph’s provides a rigorous, student-centered education rooted in the liberal arts. We prepare students for personal excellence, professional success, and engaged citizenship. Striving to be an inclusive and diverse community that educates and cares for the whole person, we encourage and model lifelong commitment to thinking critically, making ethical decisions, pursuing social justice, and finding God in all things.

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- 42 States Represented
- 55 Undergraduate Programs
- 20 NCAA Division 1 Sports
Distinctly Jesuit

As a Jesuit institution, guided by a faith that promotes justice, Saint Joseph’s University educates for a higher purpose. Service is central to the Jesuit identity, and students are expected to improve the common good by utilizing their skills and knowledge to promote compassion and social justice.

The Society of Jesus - the Jesuits - was founded in 1534 by Saint Ignatius of Loyola. He insisted that all members of the Order be educated. The Jesuits established schools, colleges, and seminaries across Europe - a revolutionary idea in an age when education was reserved for the extremely wealthy. Today, the Jesuits are known for having both high academic standards and a strong commitment to social justice.
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**Jesuit Principles**

We strive to infuse Jesuit principles into both the curriculum and the student experience at Saint Joseph’s. While these principles are a core component of Jesuit beliefs, don’t worry, you don’t have to be Catholic to appreciate and instill them.

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The Office of Residence Life at Saint Joseph's University strives to provide secure, academically focused housing which fosters a community of civility and respect and supports a positive living-learning environment consistent with Ignatian ideals.

At a Glance:
• Staff members include Director, Associate Director, 2 Assistant Directors, 5 Residential Area Managers, and an Administrative Assistant.
• 69 Resident Assistants
• Residential population of over 2,300 students
Campus Housing

First Year Student Residence Halls:

Traditional Style Halls
- McShain Hall
- Villiger Hall

Suite Style Halls
- LaFarge Hall
- Sourin Hall

Upperclass Housing:

Campus Houses
- Hogan Hall
- Quirk Hall
- St. Albert’s Hall
- Xavier Hall
- Moore Hall

Campus Apartments
- Ashwood Hall
- Lannon Hall
- Merion Gardens
- Morris Quad Townhouses
- Pennbrook Hall
- Rashford Hall
Position Description

Overview:
The Residential Area Manager works cooperatively with the Residence Life staff to create a positive learning community for students consistent with the University’s Jesuit mission. The Residential Area Manager position is an 11-month live-in position, responsible for the overall management of a residential area of 400-700 students. The primary focus of the position is on student development and learning, within the context of building strong living learning communities.

The Residential Area Manager supervises a staff of 10-20 Resident Assistants and 1-2 Head Resident Assistants. This position works closely with other members of the Residence Life team and Student Life staff to provide programming and a living environment that complements students’ educational experiences.

Preferred Qualifications:
• Master’s degree in Counseling, Student Personnel, Higher Education, or closely related major.
• 2-3 years prior Residence Life experience at the graduate or professional level.
• Demonstrated ability to be student focused.
• Previous demonstration of a collaborative work style.
• Demonstrated commitment to nurturing living learning community within the residence halls.
Compensation

- Competitive salary
- Housing/Utilities
- Full meal plan
- Top medical, dental, and vision insurance programs
- 403(b) retirement plan
- Generous vacation and sick leave
- Tuition remission
Located on the edge of Philadelphia, Saint Joseph's University has the best of both worlds, combining the excitement and adventure of city life with the quiet atmosphere of the suburbs. Just a train ride away from the city center, SJU offers convenient access to America's "No. 1 City for Culture."

Saint Joseph’s University is:

• 20 minutes from Center City Philadelphia
• 1 hour 20 minutes from the Jersey Shore
• 2 hours 20 minutes from Baltimore, MD
• 2 hours 20 minutes from New York City
• 2 hours 40 minutes from Washington, DC
How to Apply

To apply, please visit our website at jobs.sju.edu

For questions, please contact the Office of Residence Life at reslife@sju.edu or 610-660-1060.