

# GA for Transition Engagement Office of Student Transition Engagement Programs (STEP) Division of Student Affairs

## **Position Overview**

The Graduate Assistant for Transition Engagement an integral member of the Office of Student Transition Engagement Programs and the Campus Living Thematic Area, is responsible for assisting the Assistant Director and Director to communicate the importance of a holistic, community-development centered student transition program. The GA will also support on retention initiatives and student engagement opportunities by ensuring ALL students are empowered to Find, Form & Focus their unique university experience to become resilient and flourishing individuals through data-informed practices.

# **Department Mission**

Our mission is to connect and engage students throughout their W&M transitions with community partners to develop resilient and thriving individuals.

## **Position Type**

	$\boxtimes$ Full-time (20 hours/week)
☐ Doctoral Level	☐ Part-time (10 hours/week)

# **Compensation / Benefits**

- This assistantship qualifies a full-time student for the in-state tuition waiver
- For students enrolled in the Higher Education program:
  - Tuition subsidy (student pays \$2,500/year in tuition)
  - \$15,000 stipend (for mid-August to mid-May contract)
  - \$500 loaded onto student account to for parking pass, meals, or other student expenses
- For non-Higher Education students:
  - School of Education tuition (in-state rate) + \$4,500 stipend (for mid-August to mid-May contract)
  - o \$500 loaded onto student account to for parking pass, meals, or other student expenses

## **Position Elements**

$\boxtimes$	Mostly 9 a.m5 p.m. work	$\boxtimes$	Occasional night/evening work	
	Frequent night/evening work	$\boxtimes$	Weekend work: Sometimes	
$\boxtimes$	Hires student workers	$\boxtimes$	Supervises / evaluates student workers	
$\boxtimes$	Frequent student interaction	$\boxtimes$	Leads training sessions for students	
$\boxtimes$	Advises individual students	$\boxtimes$	Advises student organizations	
$\boxtimes$	Budget management	$\boxtimes$	Event/program management	
	Individual work space	$\boxtimes$	Shared work space	
$\boxtimes$	Independent work	$\boxtimes$	Collaborative / group work	
$\boxtimes$	Conference/workshop funding available	$\boxtimes$	May take internship at same time as GA	_
$\boxtimes$	Opportunity for committee work	$\boxtimes$	Opportunity for summer employment	
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#### Additional elements:

- Office hours are flexible.
- Night/evening and weekend work required during specific times of the academic year.
- Opportunities exist for regional travel representing the STEP Office and university.

## **Job Responsibilities**

- Collaborate with various campus and community offices/departments to engage undergraduate students in the F₃YE
   Curriculum, and, in the process, educate the university community and STEP student leaders on this important work.
- Assist in upkeep and functioning of the expanding online Tribe Guide Checklist to support the F₃YE Curriculum.
- Develop and implement undergraduate transition communication plan involving year-round, class-connected newsletters, social media, blog, and hardcopy marketing pieces
- Develop, implement, and coordinate the evaluation of all transition-connected initiatives and supports
- Co-advise and develop onboarding and training curriculum for Transition Coaching student staff (undergraduate student leaders), to include their application, selection, hiring, and training.
- Participate in divisional activities, including monthly Division meetings and semester Kick-off/Renewal Days
- Supervise, oversee, and attend various campus events
- Other duties as assigned

## **Preferred Qualifications**

- Ability to collaborate with others while exhibiting a high level of creative energy and flexibility.
- Demonstrated ability and organizational skills to coordinate and manage concurrent processes.
- Experience working with under-represented, distinctive student populations.
- Familiar with core higher education marketing technology, such as social media channels, design programs, and website management.
- Asset if willing to invest in and foster the growth and development of passionate and highly devoted undergraduate student leaders.
- Prior experience with new student orientation; transition programming; event management and/or student activities is strongly preferred.

## **Learning Outcomes**

- Gain understanding of the Orientation/Transition/Retention functional area within Student Affairs and the greater environment of Higher Education.
- Interact with services and programs across the university landscape in order to support student success.
- Further develop skillsets that promote college student development, personal/professional task management, and program/event/initiative coordination.
- Gain experience in general human resources processes, team development, and staff supervision.
- Develop self-awareness and connection of personal values to professional goals

# **Direct Supervisor**

Search in Progress
Assistant Director, STEP (Transitions)

### **Position Contact**

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