

To: All Graduate Students

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Subject: Resident Graduate Student Program in the Residential Colleges

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We write to encourage you to consider an exciting opportunity for graduate students to live in and participate actively in the life of the undergraduate residential colleges (described more fully at [ODOCapps.princeton.edu/rgs](http://ODOCapps.princeton.edu/rgs)).

The Resident Graduate Student (RGS) program is intended to enhance the residential college experience and help foster a fully integrated campus community that unites undergraduates of all four years, graduate students and faculty across the disciplines, and staff.

RGSs will be appointed by the head of the college as full members of the college community, living in a furnished graduate student suite, taking meals in the dining hall, and participating in the intellectual and social life of the college along with faculty fellows, visiting scholars, and other members of the Princeton community.

Each resident graduate student will be expected to draw upon their interests to make a meaningful contribution to college life. Opportunities will vary, but may include:

- coordinating fellowship applications;
- assisting with the fellows' program;
- running a film series;
- coordinating music programming;
- assisting the director of student life with the residential college advisers or social programming;
- facilitating intramural sports competitions;
- assisting the director of studies with academic and intellectual programming.

The specific role of each RGS will be determined, finally, in consultation with the head of the residential college.

The position has been structured to support a graduate student's timely completion of their degree program. RGSs will be expected to spend ten (10) hours a week on college activities, including meals taken in the college with undergraduates. RGSs will remain eligible to be appointed as an AI or an AR and the position will have no effect on a student's external or University-based funding.

In addition to the educational benefits, this program provides partially subsidized accommodations, fully subsidized 125-meal block plans, and parking (in a student lot). Normally, a continuing RGS will be able to remain in their suite over the summer.

All Princeton graduate students who expect to be enrolled in good standing are eligible, including both Ph.D. (regularly enrolled and in DCE status) and Master's candidates. Graduate students who are married or have domestic partnerships may apply, but please be aware that the number of suitable suites is very limited. Unfortunately, the suites cannot accommodate those with children or other dependents.

Informational sessions about this opportunity will be held as follows:

**Rockefeller and Mathey Colleges: Monday, December 3, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., Mathey Common Room, Mathey College**

**Forbes and Whitman Colleges: Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 3:30 p.m., Forbes Lounge, Forbes College**

**Butler and Wilson Colleges: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 4:30 p.m., 1915 Room, Butler College**

If you are unable to attend an information session and have questions about this opportunity, please consult the *Frequently Asked Questions* document on the [website](#). If you have further questions, write to [rgsadmin@princeton.edu](mailto:rgsadmin@princeton.edu).

Application materials, available starting **Wednesday, December 5, 2018** at [ODOCapps.princeton.edu/rgs](http://ODOCapps.princeton.edu/rgs), must be submitted by noon on **Thursday, January 17, 2019**. Please note that all references are also due at that time. You may request recommendations through the online application and return to complete the essay portion of the application at a later time. Interviews will be conducted in February and decisions will be communicated to candidates before the deadline to register for the graduate housing draw.

We encourage you to investigate this opportunity, as it represents one of the cornerstones of the residential experience at Princeton.

Thanks for your consideration.