

Graduate Assistant for Programs (Student Activities Council Emphasis) -Student Engagement

Serve as an advisor to the Student Activities Council (SAC). Guide students in planning, researching, implementing, and evaluating a comprehensive programming series. This position is also a team member in the Office of Student Engagement (OSE) and the Plaster Student Union (PSU) and should plan to attend meetings and events as needed by each area of responsibility.

SAC Programming Graduate Assistant Learning Outcomes

As a result of this assistantship, the graduate will:

- Increase personal confidence while making well-informed, ethical decisions in advising.
- Teach and lead leadership development and staff training practices.
- Implement student development theory into practice.
- Communicate student union/engagement philosophy.
- Understand best budgeting practices and utilizing resources.
- Gain event planning and problem-solving skills.

Supervisor

Reports to the Coordinator of Student Engagement for Programming

Essential Functions

A. Advise Student Activities Council committees

1. Assist the Coordinator with the advisement of the Student Activities Council (Executive Committee and the student volunteers / committee members) which includes providing program and organization advisement.
2. Develop, implement, and facilitate programs that address leadership and skill development for the members and leaders of SAC.
3. Assist with recruitment, selection, training and evaluation of student volunteers and leaders.
4. Ensure ethical standards are maintained and all university policies and procedures are enforced.
5. Advise and facilitate SAC programs, meetings and events as negotiated, including some evenings, weekends, and holidays.
6. Participate in ongoing evaluation of SAC events.
7. Meet in a one-on-one setting for purposes of supervision and evaluation.

B. Work with the Office of Student Engagement

1. Actively participate in the initiation, development, implementation, and evaluation of procedures and processes of the Office of Student Engagement.
2. Act as a consultant and resource person to student groups on campus.
3. Promote the value of co-curricular activities to the university community through presentations and information booths.
4. Research around student organization development.
5. Encourage students to incorporate the ideas of personal responsibility and cultural understanding and acceptance.
6. Become knowledgeable in area of budget preparation and maintenance.
7. Become knowledgeable on the practices of the Office of Student Engagement.
8. Participate as a member of the Office of Student Engagement professional staff, attending staff meetings, workshops, and events.

9. Provide support during times of high programming demands, including but not limited to, Welcome Week, Bear Bash, Homecoming, Greek Week and May Day.

C. General Plaster Student Union responsibilities

1. Participates as an active member of the PSU & OSE professional staff, attending administrative staff meetings, workshops and events
2. Become knowledgeable of PSU and OSE practices
3. Assists in goal and strength development for the PSU
4. Assist in research and development of projects with the PSU staff
5. Assist in promotion of services of the PSU

Qualifications

Experience and interest in pursuing a career in the student affairs field is highly preferred. Applicant must have completed a bachelor's degree and be accepted into a graduate program at Missouri State University.

- A. Not eligible for other University Employment.
- B. Must enroll for and complete a minimum of six hours of graduate credit (600 level or above).
- C. Computer experience preferred (PC).
- D. Be energetic, creative, able to work independently and unsupervised. Be a quick-learner, flexible, and open-minded. Be able to function effectively under unusual stress.
- E. Possess strong written and verbal communication and organizational skills, as well as the ability to relate to and interact with students, members of the University community and off-campus professionals.
- F. Possess a working knowledge of student activities organizations, activity programming experience at the university level, and experience working with both small and large groups highly recommended.
- G. Work an average working time of 20 hours per week.
- H. Maintain a 3.00 GPA on all graduate course work.
- I. Report to work one week prior to the beginning of fall semester and one week prior to the beginning of the spring semester.
- J. Possess ability and willingness to drive a university vehicle when a job warrants it.
- K. Event/programming planning experience is preferred.

To Apply

Submit the following documents to The Office of Student Engagement at StudentEngagement@missouristate.edu. Include in the subject line what position you are applying for.

- Updated resume
- Cover letter (optional)
- Letter of recommendation (optional)

Application deadline for first consideration is March 13, 2026. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.