

Resident Advisors Liaison Roles 2018-2019

RAs serve as Liaisons to various groups inside and beyond GSAS, promoting a specific cause. Liaison duties work to promote learning, growth, and community in the GSAS residence halls. Below are details of these roles and the budget (if applicable) for the academic year.

LIAISONS

Campus Activities & Communications Liaisons: [Radha Blinderman & Tommy Flint](#)

The Campus Activities & Communications Liaisons will work with the Residential Life team to use platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and email to provide information, promote events, and foster a community among residents. The Liaisons select weekly events and send their selections to the GSAS Residential Life team by Thursday morning each week for inclusion in the Friday newsletter to residents. This Liaisons also post digital flyers and/or webpages for exciting events to the GSAS Residential Life online platforms. The Liaisons can be asked to create and design flyers for Residence Hall-wide events. Finally, the Liaisons will plan and orchestrate the RA Confidential event in early December.

Budget: \$50

Dudley Meal Plan Liaison: [Jorge Wong](#)

The Dudley Meal Plan Liaison works with the Dudley Dining Staff to help disseminate information about Dudley Dining and the Dudley House Meal Plan to residents. The Liaison also helps to convey residents' questions, suggestions, including "Meals from Home" recipes, and concerns regarding Dudley Café and the Meal Plan back to the Dudley Dining Staff through meeting with the Dudley Café Manager. The Liaison also organizes meetings, as necessary, to provide an opportunity for discussion with the Dudley Dining Manager, RAs, and residents.

Graduate Residence Hall Council (GRHC) Liaison: [Matthew McHenry](#)

The GRHC Liaison strives to encourage communication among the GRHC, the RAs, and the offices of GSAS Residential Life and Student Services. The Liaison attends each of the GRHC officer and general meetings. From the Graduate Residence Hall Council Bylaws:

- There shall be one or more Liaisons from the GSAS Resident Advisors who serve as liaison(s) between the RAs and the GRHC.
- S/he shall represent the GSAS Resident Advisors, the GSAS Office of Residential Life, and the GSAS Office of Student Services at the meetings of the GRHC Executive Committee.
- The RA Liaison(s) shall be adjunct GRHC officer(s), attending GRHC executive and general meetings, and with the same voting privileges as full GRHC officer(s).
- The RA Liaisons(s) shall not count toward the maximum GRHC officer limit of 10 (Article 4: Section A) because their relationship to the Office of Residential Life, subsidized housing, and bypassing of the housing lottery, are arranged independently from that of the volunteer GRHC officer positions.

Graduate Student Council (GSC) Liaison: [Robert Stone](#)

The Liaison attends all GSC open meetings and, if the need arises, presents RA issues to the GSC. The Liaison works to improve the communication between the GSC and the RA team, increase the visibility of the GSC in the residence halls, and open new avenues for collaboration in joint projects and events. In the past, the GSC Liaison has planned meet and greet opportunities in the residence halls for residents to get to know the GSC Officers as well as open house and/or informational events prior to the GSC elections in the spring.

Liaison(s) for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning + Student Concerns: [Avriel Epps](#) ([Replacement: Louis Lu](#))

The Liaison stays informed about any current events of interest to LGBTQ+ students and is in ongoing contact with various LGBTQ+-focused student and interest groups (including LGBTQ @ GSAS). The Liaison is available to help address concerns that LGBTQ+ residents may have and organizes one event each Term specifically for the LGBTQ+ residential community.

Budget: \$150

Social Liaisons: [Nicole Bush](#) & [Mina Mitreva](#)

The Social Liaisons are in charge of fostering community through residence hall-wide events. These Liaisons will act as the lead point individuals by organizing and delegating tasks, submitting Expenditure Forms, and communicating plans to the Residential Life team. These Liaisons will lead the RAs to host at least one residence-hall event per Term.

Liaisons for International Residents: [Paul Le Floch](#) & [Veronica Ruiz Quinonez](#)

These Liaisons hold events that are intended to help international residents become more acclimated to the United States and Harvard communities. Events that these Liaisons have done in the past include: "Small Talk" (an event aimed to help international residents become more accustomed to casual conversational moments in American culture), Game Nights, an Oscar Awards watch party and a screening of the movie "Mean Girls." The Liaisons are expected to hold at least 1 event per Term.

Budget: \$100

Environmental Liaisons: [Alex Najibi](#) & [Rhine Samjdar](#)

The Environmental Liaisons work to reduce the use of energy, materials, and water in the residence halls by providing information and events that promote the efficient use of resources and recycling. These Liaisons work closely with the Facilities Manager, Director of Residential Life, and the Harvard Office for Sustainability. The Liaisons are expected to hold at least 1 event per Term.

Budget: \$250

Consent Advocate and Relationship Educator (CARE) Liaisons: [Da In \(Ann\) Choi](#) & [Madeleine Wolf](#)

This is the official blurb developed by the 2017-2018 CARE Liaisons, in conjunction with OSAPR.

Welcome to the GSAS residence halls! Two of your Resident Advisors serve as Consent Advocate and Relationship Educator (CARE) RAs. As CARE RAs, we aim to be liaisons between the resources on campus, such as OSAPR (Office of Sexual Assault Prevention & Response), the Health Promotion & Education Office and your Title IX Coordinators. We also organize programming in the residence halls to spread awareness about these topics and give residents an avenue to open discussions surrounding the topics about sexual health, intimacy, interpersonal violence, and gender-based discrimination. If you have ideas for the types of discussions or programming you'd like to see in the residence halls, please get in touch and we'll be happy to work with you!

Budget: \$100

Wellness Liaison(s): [Gbemisola Abiola](#) & [Brandon Woods](#)

These Liaisons work to holistically foster the academic, physical, psychological, and spiritual well-being of residents. The Liaisons provide information on wellness-oriented activities available to residents, are available to answer residents' wellness-related questions and to receive feedback and suggestions about wellness at Harvard and in the residence halls. The Liaisons are expected to offer one activity each term. Past events have included Exercise Frequency Competitions, Stress Management Workshop, study breaks with nutritious snacks, and bringing in massage therapists from the Center for Wellness and Health Communication.

Budget: \$150