

# Faculty/Staff Sponsor Info:

## Have you been asked by a group of students applying to the LaRiviere Program to act as their Faculty/Staff Sponsor?

Below you will find ALL the information you need to know about what being a Faculty/Staff Sponsor entails.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE RECOMMENDATION FORM](#) for the student group application that is to be completed by Wednesday, February 26, 2020.

If you have any questions about the application process as well as the role of a Faculty/Staff Sponsor, *please see below* or contact Patrick Rojas, Area Director, at [patrick.rojas@wne.edu](mailto:patrick.rojas@wne.edu) or 413-796-5434.

## So you're going to be a Faculty/Staff Sponsor...

Congratulations! We are thrilled you have signed on to be a part of what we hope to be an evolving and growing community that incorporates student-driven learning and exploration with their residential experience and supported by faculty and staff across campus and in the LaRiviere Center.

## What does being a faculty/staff sponsor of a suite learning community mean?

It means a group of students on campus felt comfortable enough with you in your role as educator and advisor on campus to ask you to advise and support them in their learning and programmatic efforts throughout their year in LaRiv. In addition to this we hope faculty and staff sponsors will:

- Take time to **meet with the students from the suite you sponsor** when the students request to meet. This will occur once or more a semester, generally before they complete their program.
- **Assist with one collaborative program** in the spring semester (planning and implementing)
- **Provide resources and guidance** in regards to the students suite learning theme.
- **Offer suggestions** on how to make programs and other endeavors more content-rich and in-depth.
- **Keep up to date on the efforts of the group.** This includes:
  - **Reading their monthly website contributions** and commenting as you see fit
  - **Attending their programs** if possible
  - **Maintaining contact** with the group

*Drawing from your own experience in researching, programming, teaching, working at a university, or just exploring a topic of interest to provide students with tips, tricks, and techniques to make their own pursuits more successful.*

### You can expect your sponsored group(s) to:

- Contact you for a meeting at least once a semester. At these meetings, the students should ask you to complete a **Faculty Staff faculty staff sponsor meeting verification form 20-21**
- Invite you to their programs
- Ask you questions about their suite learning theme and request advice
- Email you their monthly website contribution
- Contact you as a possible reference or someone they feel comfortable talking with about their life in college

### Anything else?

A member of the Residence Life staff will confirm your appointment and assist you with anything that may need throughout the year. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Patrick Rojas, Area Director of LaRiviere Center, at [patrick.rojas@wne.edu](mailto:patrick.rojas@wne.edu) or 413-796-5434.