Position Title: Office Assistant for Communications  
Open Date: March 26, 2018

Department: Housing & Residence Life  
Close Date: April 8, 2018

Hourly Wage: $13.25  
Hours per Week: 6-12

Description:  
The Office Assistant (OA) is responsible for overall support of the Housing & Residence Life main office. The OAs will work under one of two specialty roles: Communications or Administrative Services.

Requirements:  
- Full-time American University student (undergraduate or graduate) with a current cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Must be in good judicial standing with no active sanctions as reported by the Dean of Students Office
- Requires 6-12 hours per week during both business hours (Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm) and non-business hours and weekends as needed for events. Students must be available for one hour at least one day on weekdays between 11am – 3pm for desk coverage.
- Attendance at all training sessions and meetings are mandatory. Fall training will take place from 9:00am-5:00pm beginning on Monday, August 13, 2018 through Friday, August 17, 2018. Inability to attend training in full will disqualify an applicant.
- The OA position is for a full academic year with the option to continue in the summer excluding those graduating in the fall or participating in spring study abroad program. All OAs are expected to remain on-campus and eligible to work during the work agreement dates.

Primary Responsibilities:  
- Work on various marketing campaigns to support the Web Communications Coordinator, including planning, logistics, communication, and implementation
- Use basic design software to create advertisements and social media graphics
- Support day-to-day communications by monitoring and responding to inquiries on social media
- Build and maintain media library by taking photos and videos at during events and organizing files
Secondary Responsibilities:

- Provide a high level of customer service to all residents and guests of the office
- Serve as secondary point of contact for students and other visitors to the office. The OA will answer questions and refer the guest to the appropriate staff member if unable to assist
- Answer telephone calls and transfer the caller to the appropriate staff member
- Attend meetings during certain times of the year to go over policies, procedures and events that may be taking place in the office
- Be appropriately dressed at all times during the shift
- Maintain confidentiality at all times in regard to any conversation, phone call, or paperwork that the student is privy to while working in the office
- Enforce and adhere to all relevant policies/procedures as set forth by Housing & Residence Life/American University
- Able to work a variety of hours based on departmental need
- Other duties as assigned

Skills/Experience:

The following qualifications apply to all OAs

- Proven ability to work well in a fast paced environment
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to multi-task
- Strong interpersonal and customer service skills
- Enthusiasm in sharing and developing the on-campus experience
- Ability to handle sensitive and confidential information
- Ability to handle difficult conversations

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- Ability to think creatively to communicate key messages
- Experience with shooting high quality photos and videos with camera and audio equipment
- Proficient in graphic design and basic software such as Adobe products and Canva

Additional Information:

- The Office Assistant will receive an hourly wage of $13.25 per hour. It is the responsibility of the OA to understand their own financial aid package and the impact of the position upon that package.
- Priority consideration will be given to candidates who receive Federal Work Study aid
- Room and board compensation is not provided for this position
- OAs should strive to maintain a balance with the role, academic pursuits, and personal commitments. Additional commitments should not conflict with the work schedule or impact performance. If performance is compromised because of outside commitments, the OA may be given a recommendation from their supervisor to limit outside commitments in order to improve performance. Continued unsatisfactory performance may result in employment probation or dismissal.