

Faculty-in-Residence (FiR) Statement of Support



Residential Commons

The Residential Commons (RC) are transforming student housing campus-wide by providing an integrated academic and residential experience. The Commons bring live-in faculty and staff members, resident assistants, and other student leaders together to create communities of support. Faculty members associated with each commons have the opportunity to interact informally with students. The Residential Commons strive to provide each student with a close-knit, living and learning environment where a rich intellectual, social, and community life flourish.

Faculty in Residence (FiR)

The FiR program strives to create opportunities for students to know faculty members outside the classroom as well as to enrich the lives of faculty by interacting with students. The position is grounded in the principles of mentorship with the primary goal of fostering individuals who, during their life, will strive to improve the human condition. The FiR role provides students with the opportunity for intellectual discourse and leadership development and is the cornerstone of the Residential Commons experience.

Expectations:

- Serve as the intellectual leader of their Residential Commons and work together with the Residential Community Director in cultivating and engaging the community
- Build individual relationships with residents by interacting with them regularly
- Create opportunities to get to know all students informally and create an academic environment supported by the residential staff
- Be visible in the community by attending programs and events hosted by the residential commons and university
- Uphold the SMU Code of Ethics in every aspect of their role

The following signatures are required and indicate confidence in the applicant who intends to serve in this Faculty-in-Residence role at SMU. Plus, these signatures acknowledge that the FiR position will not negatively impact the tenure outlook for the applicant – if applicable.

Applicant Name

Applicant Signature

Date

Dept. Chair (if applicable) Name

Chair Signature

Date

Dean Name

Dean Signature

Date