

Learning Meets Development



UMassAmherst

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND CAMPUS LIFE
GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS



Why Student Affairs?

As a campus community we actively embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion grounded in core values of compassion, care, and concern for others. We center around eight key functions that together create a supportive living and learning environment of responsive care and support for retention, graduation, and success beyond college.

Our programs and services:

1. Transition and connect students to campus
2. Foster positive campus climate
3. Cultivate inclusion and diversity
4. Develop opportunities for civic engagement and co-curricular learning
5. Create immersive living-learning environments
6. Provide listening, care, and focused support for students in crisis
7. Support wellness, health, and safety
8. Prepare students for a successful transition to their post-UMass future

University of Massachusetts Amherst Student Affairs and Campus Life graduate assistantships are highly competitive and critical to the success of SACL achieving these functions.

What can you expect?

We aim to provide our graduate assistants with comprehensive professional development experiences that align with their academic and career pathways. Many responsibilities will be similar to that of a professional position and, whenever possible, will be useful in completing course or program requirements. A primary goal of our supervisors is to ensure assistantships enhance academic work and expose our graduate students to experiential learning opportunities that facilitate personal and professional growth.

Graduate Assistant Positions

Graduate assistants work in many different areas of Student Affairs and Campus Life, including:

- Advocacy, Inclusion, and Support Programs
- Assessment
- Center for Health Promotion
- Office of Family Resources
- Dean of Students Office
- Off Campus Student Services
- Residence Education
- Residential Life Student Services - Sustainability
- Student Engagement and Leadership



From the Vice Chancellor

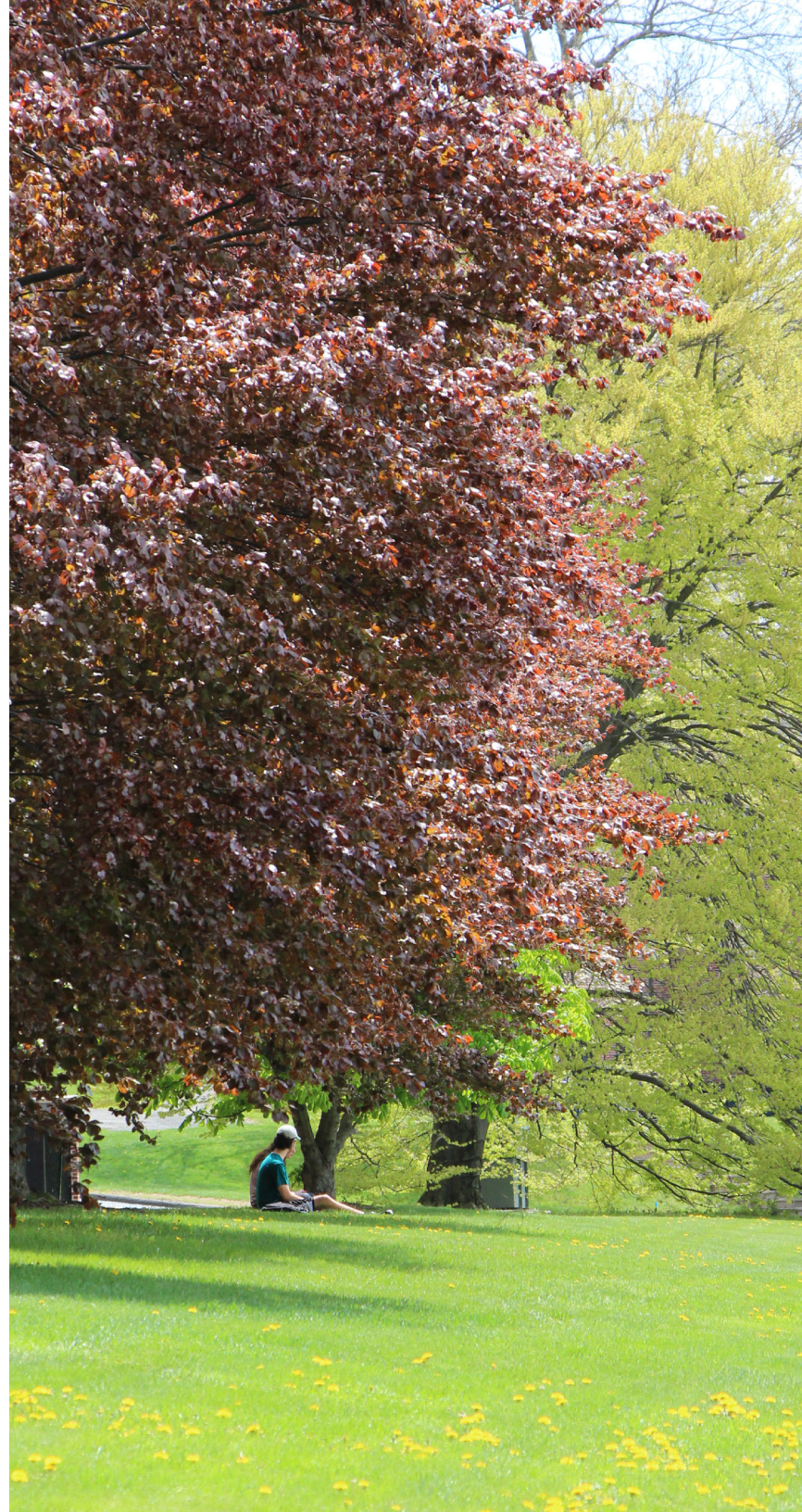
Thank you for your interest in a graduate assistantship in Student Affairs and Campus Life (SACL). In SACL at UMass Amherst, we get to impact the lives of students we encounter daily. We pay forward and work to improve upon the mentorship, care, and opportunities to grow the way others provided us throughout our own personal journeys. Should your journey bring you to UMass Amherst, know that your well-being and progress as a person and professional are of the highest priority. Many of our graduates go on to work all over the country in student affairs and campus life departments or in higher education institutions more broadly.

Graduate assistants are an essential component of our community without whom we would fail to provide students the programs and services we offer. Our passion for student success guides us in strategic ways to deliver these initiatives. We seek those whose critical thinking will challenge our process and strengthen the learning outcomes our students achieve. I look forward to meeting you and learning about the positive contributions you will bring to our community.

GO UMASS!

Enku Gelaye

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Campus Life





Sadaf Latafat

ASSISTANT RESIDENCE DIRECTOR

"For someone who was new to this country, my assistantship provided me with a fantastic opportunity to experience firsthand U.S. higher education and residence life and to interact with undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds. During the last three years, I have worked with some wonderful and passionate people who have continuously challenged me to look at things from multiple perspectives.

I have always felt supported by my supervisors and my Resident Assistants (RAs). Indeed, working with student staff has been the most rewarding part of my experience and has contributed so much to my personal and professional growth. I have really appreciated the continuous learning opportunities that have enabled me not only to succeed as a higher education administrator, but that have also made me a better researcher and doctoral student."

Crystal Green

LEADERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT GRADUATE ASSISTANT

"UMass provides a space for graduate students to grow on an academic, professional and personal level. Students have the chance to connect and network with other students, faculty and staff from a range of multidisciplinary fields within and outside of the classroom.

I am not the same person I was before I started my Graduate Assistantship, I am better. I have had the chance to independently work on projects, teach a course, participate in committee work, attend departmental meetings and conferences. My Graduate Assistantship gives me the freedom to show forth my leadership skills, ideas and motivates me to work on my areas of growth.

With the amazing support and help of my supervisor and peers, I get the chance to achieve and invest in them. It is great to be surrounded by people who want to help you succeed."

A scenic view of a university campus featuring a large pond with a central fountain, surrounded by green lawns, trees, and modern academic buildings under a blue sky with light clouds.

You're Invited!

Welcome Days

for admitted students February 25-26

February 26 - Interview Day

MORNING INTERVIEWS

SACL/HE LUNCHEON

RESIDENTIAL LIFE IN AFTERNOON

We are UMass



✓
Top 30
rank out of
700 public
4-year U.S.
colleges



✓
4th Best
College
Town
in U.S.



✓
#1 in 2017
Best
Campus
Food



✓
13,500
Undergrads
living on
campus



✓
First LGBTQ and
Women's Centers
on a U.S. campus
Continuous commitment
to diversity and inclusion



✓
1,450 scenic acres
in the Pioneer
Valley
Only 90 miles to Boston,
175 miles to New York City



✓
23,388
undergraduate
students
6,952 graduate
students



✓
Campus
Recreation
40+ Intramural sports
100+ weekly fitness
classes



✓
Locally grown
food, farm
shares, great
places to eat



✓
Area concerts,
theaters,
museums,
five colleges

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The Commonwealth's Flagship Campus