

MORAVIAN UNIVERSITY

January 2026

Thank you for your interest in a Resident Advisor position for the 2026-2027 academic year.

As you consider this student leadership opportunity at Moravian University for the next academic year, carefully review the qualifications and responsibilities outlined in the subsequent pages:

- Timeline for 2026-2027 candidates with dates for the application and selection process
- Contract commitments for staff
- Resident Advisor position description

The application process includes four components:

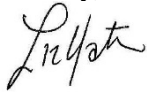
- Submit the [Resident Advisor Application](#) by noon on Tuesday, February 3.
- Ask two individuals to complete the [Resident Advisor Reference](#) by noon on Friday, February 6.
- Participate in a thirty-minute interview with two members of the Residence Life Staff between Tuesday, February 10 and Thursday, February 12. Interview day and time will be coordinated following the application submission and by Friday, February 6.
- Participate in three group process activities on Friday evening, February 13 or Saturday morning, February 14. Indicate group process interview day preference on the application.

Application materials are available at moravian.edu/rlh.

A confirmation of a candidate's individual interview and group process day and time, along with more specifics regarding the individual interview, will be sent via email by Monday, February 9.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions or something is unclear. We want you to be informed about the position and process. Thank you again for your interest in this exciting and rewarding leadership position.

Sincerely,



Liz Yates
Dean of Campus Life

Office of Residence Life

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Selection Timeline

Thursday, January 22	<i>RA Information Session in HUB 303A at 12pm.</i>
Wednesday, January 28	<i>RA Information Session in HUB 303A at 5pm.</i>
Tuesday, February 3	<i>Applications must be submitted by noon.</i>
Friday, February 6	<i>References must be received by noon.</i>
Tuesday, February 10 - Thursday, February 12	<i>Candidates participate in Individual Interview. Interview day and time will be coordinated via email by Friday, February 6.</i>
Friday, February 13 - Saturday, February 14	<i>Candidates participate in Group Process Activities. Interview day and time will be coordinated via email by Monday, February 9.</i>
Thursday, March 5	<i>Offer letters out to candidates of hire decisions via email.</i>
Wednesday, March 18	<i>Accept/decline decisions due via email by noon.</i>

Contract Commitments

Spring Training:

- 2026-2027 RAs attend Spring Training on Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 1pm.

Fall Training:

- RAs are expected to return by 12pm on Thursday, August 20, 2026.
- RAs are on-campus for training and move in through Sunday, August 30, 2026.

Fall Break:

- RAs may depart after 8am on Friday, October 2, 2026.
- RAs are expected to return by 4pm on Tuesday, October 6, 2026.

Thanksgiving Break:

- RAs may depart after 8am on Tuesday, November 24, 2026.
- RAs are expected to return by 4pm on Sunday, November 29, 2026.

Winter Break:

- RAs may depart after 12pm once dismissed by supervisor on Saturday, December 19, 2026.
- RAs are expected to return by 12pm on Friday, January 15, 2027.
- RAs are on-campus for training and move in through Sunday, January 17, 2027.

Spring Break:

- RAs may depart after 8am on Friday, March 5, 2027.
- RAs are expected to return by 4pm on Sunday, March 14, 2027.

Easter Break:

- RAs may depart after 8am on Thursday, March 25, 2027.
- Select RAs are expected to return by 4pm on Sunday, March 28, 2027.
- Remaining RAs are expected to return by 8pm on Sunday, March 28, 2027.

End of the Year Closing:

- RAs may depart after 12pm once dismissed by supervisor on Sunday, May 9, 2027.

Basic Qualifications

- Sophomore, Junior, Senior, or Graduate standing.
- Minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
- In good academic and conduct standing with the University.
- Continuing full-time student status.
- Resides or has resided in a Moravian University residence hall for at least one semester.
- Available to serve the entire academic year, unless otherwise arranged (e.g. study abroad, graduation).

Resident Advisors (RAs), paraprofessional members of the Residence Life Staff, are an integral part of the University's residential experience. Selected on the basis of leadership, character, and the ability to relate to others, RAs must be committed to the important role of the residential experience. RAs are responsible for developing community and enforcing policy in an assigned residence hall area. RAs promote the integration of all aspects of campus life and assist in establishing an environment that supports the educational objectives of Moravian University.

Resident Advisors are best able to develop a rapport with residents using skills such as understanding, recognition of individual differences, and acceptance of all students. Consistency, sensitivity, and empathy must be evident in a RA's interactions with members of the residential area and the larger University community. RAs are responsible for clearly explaining, as well as consistently enforcing policies and expectations. Due to the extensive contact RAs have with residents, the staff serves as liaisons and resource persons. Clear and regular communication between Resident Advisors, Community Advisors, Head Residents, Senior Resident Advisors, and the Student Life Staff, particularly the professional staff within Residence Life and Housing, is critical to the success of the residential experience.

Ideal candidates are expected to be mature individuals who can work collaboratively as well as autonomously. Resident Advisors should be able to exert a positive influence on others and work with diverse populations. These individuals are expected to be concerned, responsible students who are enthusiastic and possess a positive outlook toward Moravian University. The position, which reports directly to a professional staff member within Residence Life or Housing, provides an opportunity to develop and enhance many valuable skills including leadership, time management, communication, decision-making, conflict management, and crisis intervention. The Resident Advisor position provides an opportunity for personal growth along with meaningful service to the Moravian University community.

Specific Responsibilities

Advising Responsibilities

- Be as available to members of an assigned community as is reasonably possible, especially in the first few months of the academic year. Visibility, accessibility, and presence in a residence hall community are of critical importance.
- Advise residents concerning personal, academic, and social concerns. Refer to University resources when appropriate.
- Exhibit familiarity with university resources for assistance, particularly Campus Life, Campus Police, CAPS, Career Success, Conference & Event Management, Disabilities & Accommodations, Health Services, Housing, Inclusive Excellence, Spirituality & Inclusion, and Student Accountability.
- Confer with supervisor regarding concerns of individuals or groups of residents for whom you are responsible.
- Serve as a role model for residents and other members of the Moravian University community.
- Follow University policies, establish and maintain credibility within the community, and behave in accordance with the University's values and expectations.
- Support and be able to explain University policies. Demonstrate knowledge of the *Student Handbook*, *Residence Life Staff Manual*, and all relevant materials regarding campus policies, procedures, resources, and personnel.
- Inform supervisor of important situations and developments within the community.

Administrative Responsibilities

- Assist residents in maintaining a healthy and safe environment conducive to community living.
- Conduct community floor meetings, maintain bulletin boards, and communicate regularly with residents to foster a positive living environment.
- Respond to incidents, crisis situations, and emergencies in the residence halls, regardless of whether or not on duty, when appropriate.
- Document all alleged violations of University policy, as well as security, health, and safety concerns in a timely manner.

- Perform on-duty responsibilities on a rotating basis, which includes being available and visible in your residence hall area on assigned nights, conducting hourly rounds, defined as visiting and walking through each community in area, and checking for policy violations and/or health and safety concerns.
- Conduct room condition inventories prior to the arrival of all residents.
- Complete necessary surveys, administrative reports, and forms within established deadlines.
- Remain on campus to assist in residence hall openings and closings for official University break periods. Refer to contract for specific dates.
- Carry out residence hall opening and closing responsibilities, as well as conduct health and safety inspections.
- Maintain accurate resident rosters and assist residents in following the appropriate room change process.
- Report maintenance and custodial concerns, including emergency repairs and other damages. Document concerns, as appropriate.

Community Development Responsibilities

- Follow the Moravian Milestones programming model, implementing programs that encourage residents to become active members of their community.
- Collaborate with others to incorporate a variety of developmental programs with both an educational and social focus within the residence halls.

Staff Development Responsibilities

- Serve as a member of the Residence Life Staff. Strive to support and communicate with other staff members including fellow Resident Advisors, Community Advisors, Head Residents, Senior Resident Advisors, and the professional staff within Residence Life and Housing.
- Attend all spring, fall, and winter training sessions.
- Attend regularly scheduled staff meetings and area meetings.
- Participate in regularly scheduled individual meetings with Senior Resident Advisor.
- Participate in monthly individual meetings with supervisor.
- Participate in the selection, orientation, and training of new Residence Life staff members.

Additional Comments

- Resident Advisors at Moravian University are, first and foremost, students. Academic work must be the primary commitment of all Resident Advisors, while the Residence Life staff position is the secondary commitment.
- Due to the time demands of the Resident Advisor position, involvement in clubs, athletics, internships, field experiences, and additional employment, which take the staff member away from the community for significant periods of time must be discussed with and approved by supervisor. These types of commitments should be meaningful, limited, and purposeful.
- Resident Advisors are expected to sleep in assigned rooms and remain on campus most weekends to ensure adequate staffing of the residence halls. Resident Advisors are permitted to be off campus for three (3) weekends a semester with prior approval from supervisor.
- Additional duties may arise throughout the course of the year dependent upon circumstances.

Remuneration

- A single room at the current monetary value, based upon placement.
- A stipend of \$500 per academic year, to be paid in monthly installments from September through May.
- A \$50 discount on parking for those who have a car on campus, participate in the application process, and are awarded a permit.
- Book Shop discount for those who have successfully completed one year in the Resident Advisor, Head Resident, or Community Advisor position.