In order to qualify for the SIH process you must complete all parts of this application online. If you have any questions please contact Terri Budek at tfrysh@buffalo.edu.
Intercultural & Diversity Center

MORE House Description

MORE House is a Living Learning Community for sophomore students who are looking to explore MORE, do MORE and be MORE. MORE House is a diversity and advocacy focused community helping students define and develop their roles on campus and beyond. Students will be introduced to diversity themes and topics including identities, social issues, advocacy and the experience will culminate with a social justice project to create positive change on campus. This community is ideal for students who want to explore who they are as an individual, how to work with others and how to create a meaningful future for themselves and their community.

Campus Living

Shared Interest Housing Application Checklist

Prior to submitting this application, be sure that all items have been completed on this checklist:

☐ Review Section I to ensure you are eligible to take part in the Shared Interest Housing program.
☐ Review Section II to determine if you would be interested in being a floor leader.
☐ Review Section III to learn of the advisor
☐ Provide typed answers to the application questions in Section IV.
☐ Review Sections V and VI and complete a “Declaration of Commitment” (Section VII).
☐ Each person’s $300 housing deposit must be paid and complete a Residence Hall Agreement by February 5, 2016. (This date is earlier for SIH applicants than the general population)

It is recommended that this deposit be paid online at http://housing.buffalo.edu/apply

Section I – Eligibility

Shared Interest Housing (SIH) areas are a direct response to a departmental desire and student requests to provide an educational environment where individuals who share a common interest are able to share personal opinions, experiences, and perspectives. Participation in this type of experience affords these students the opportunity to develop leadership skills due to the self-governance structure. Students participating in this program will be actively involved in creating and implementing community initiatives in relation to the goals of their group.

Criteria

1. Each member must have completed at least 12 college credits unless otherwise approved by the Assistant Director for Residential Education.
2. Each member must be eligible for residence at UB, specifically approved for Greiner Hall.
3. The group must identify at least one Floor Leader for the SIH group that will serve as a liaison with Campus Living staff. Floor leaders must live in the SIH area, with the SIH group.
4. The group must have a full-time UB faculty advisor (or a staff advisor directly associated with an academic program).
5. All members must enroll in UBE110 (MH) (2 credit course) for fall 2016 and enroll in UBE496 (MH) (1 credit course) for spring 2017. Additional co-curricular requirements are attending a floor retreat each semester and active involvement on/off campus including monthly community service and social events.

Decisions about who is accepted for the SIH area will be made by professional staff members of the Intercultural & Diversity Center in collaboration with Campus Living.

Section II – Floor Leadership

The Shared Interest Housing (SIH) program at UB requires each SIH floor to designate at least one individual to be the Floor Leader. This role is a key component of the SIH program. This position is an opportunity for you to develop transferable leadership skills and a greater sense of ownership for your living environment.

Duties and Expectations of Floor Leaders:

- Attend bi-weekly individual meetings with the MORE House Graduate Assistant
- Assist with coordinating volunteer opportunities for the community
- Assist with a component at each semester’s retreat
- Plan two (2) social, community building programs with the assistance of the MORE House Graduate Assistant and/or the Residence Hall Director of your building
- Help with 2017-2018 MORE House recruitment
- Serve as a liaison between the community and IDC and Campus Living staff
- Attend Hall Council meetings to be a liaison between MORE House and Greiner Hall

The time commitment is approximately 4 hours per month. Floor leaders for the Shared Interest Housing group must live on the floor, and meet all other eligibility criteria for participating in the SIH program.

The Floor Leader will be selected at the start of the fall 2016 semester.

Section III – Faculty/Staff Advisor

The Shared Interest Housing program at University at Buffalo requires group participation. In order to develop a stronger educational link between the interest group and the community in which they live, the interest group requires mentors. The Shared Interest Housing program seeks Faculty and Staff Advisors to help bridge the academic and residential experiences. It is a goal of the Shared Interest Housing Program to provide a meaningful venue for interactions between students and faculty/staff.

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Section IV – Individual Application

Please complete the following:

Name: ___________________________           UB Email: ___________________________

All notifications will be sent via email

Person Number: ___________________           Gender: ___________________________

Major: ___________________________           GPA: _____________

Cell Phone Number: ___________________________

Current Campus Address: __________________________________________________________

Permanent Address: ______________________________________________________________

Housing Information:

Do you have someone that is also applying to MORE House with whom you would like to be roommates?

☐ Yes. I would like to room with the following person(s): (Note: EACH roommate must submit separate applications and be accepted into the MORE House program as individuals.)

Name: ___________________________           Person Number: __________________

Name: ___________________________           Person Number: __________________

Name: ___________________________           Person Number: __________________

☐ No. I have not thought of who I would like to live with.

Please attach typewritten answers to the following questions OR complete the online application through UBLinked at https://buffalo.collegiatelink.net/form/start/86272.

1. Why are you interested in being part of MORE House? How will being a member of this community benefit you?

2. In what capacity will you personally contribute to MORE House?

3. What has been your involvement on/off campus in co-curricular activities (not required for acceptance)?

4. Please list 3 days and times you are available for a brief interview (i.e. Tuesdays after 2pm, Wednesday before 12pm, or Fridays after 12pm).
By completing the entirety of this application, you are requesting to be **considered** for participation in MORE House. Completion of this form does not guarantee continued status with a Shared Interest Housing Group. The MORE House program coordinator (Terri Budek) will notify you of your status.

**Section V – Participant Expectations**

Since Shared Interest Housing (SIH) groups receive preferential housing, it is the expectation of Campus Living that SIH participants are active contributors to the greater residential community.

Students participating in this living-learning community are expected to contribute positively to the residence hall and apartment community and abide by all community standards, including those rules and regulations outlined in the Guide to Campus Living. Campus Living officials may notify the learning community's academic partners of alleged and confirmed policy violations of participants.

**Duties and Expectations of Floor Members:**

- Enroll in the 2-credit course UBE110: Interpersonal Skills for Leading and Serving (Intro to Peer Education) for fall 2016.
- Participate in the MORE House Retreats in fall 2015 and spring 2016.
- Enroll in UBE496: Leadership Practicum (1 credit course) in spring 2017.
- Participate in monthly social and volunteer activities and events.
- Participate in floor community events sponsored by MORE House.
- Attend individual meetings with faculty and program administrator(s) up to 3 times a semester.

In addition, SIH group members act as role models in their residence hall community. Groups are very visible to others in the halls. Group members also share all of the same responsibility for their area and the building’s common area damages as other non-SIH residents of that building.

**Section VI – Housing Conditions**

If your application is accepted and you become a member of the Shared Interest Housing program, your housing will be subject to the following conditions:

- Failure to complete any required steps to continue in SIH housing after applications are due may lead to removal from the SIH area. This includes, but is not limited to, payment of required deposits (**housing deposits are due February 5th**), attendance at required meetings, completion of required forms, or registration into required courses.

- Campus Living reserves the right to reassign residents of Shared Interest Housing groups to other residence hall spaces as deemed necessary, especially if residents are not meeting the agreed upon conditions of the area, or are failing in any way to abide by established Campus Living rules or policies. Campus Living determines housing placement of each of the Shared Interest Housing groups. This placement is subject to change. No group is ever guaranteed permanency in a specific location.

- The housing agreement with Campus Living is a binding agreement and the loss of either Shared Interest Housing status or membership does NOT provide grounds for termination of the contract.

- If your chosen roommate is unable to continue in the SIH program after SIH room selections are done, you will be subject to one of three outcomes: **1) You may be assigned a new roommate**
from the SIH program (possibly off the alternate list for the SIH program), 2) You may be moved into another room with another SIH participant (Campus Living cannot guarantee the ability to keep requested suitemates together if an opening occurs), or 3) You may be assigned a roommate not associated with the SIH program.

If you have been selected as an alternate for the Shared Interest Housing program, your continued eligibility on the wait list will be subject to the following conditions:

- If you are not assigned a room within the SIH area prior to the general room reservation process, you will need to select a room anywhere else on campus through room reservation to continue to be considered an alternate. Failing to select a room will result in a refund of your housing deposit and cancellation of your housing contract.

- SIH alternates on the waitlist will be considered for any openings that occur within the SIH area up until the residence hall opening in August.

Section VII – Declaration of Commitment

(Each participant should have reviewed Section V: Participant Expectations and Section VI: Housing Conditions prior to making this commitment)

With my signature below, I indicate my commitment to living in a Shared Interest Housing (SIH) community and my commitment to the requirements of SIH. I understand that by accepting to live within the SIH community I am required to fulfill the participant expectations (Section V) as well as comply with all Campus Living policies. I understand that I have the responsibility to meet the outlined eligibility requirements (Section I) and complete all tasks required of the SIH application process as outlined throughout the application. I also understand that if my behavior in SIH is unacceptable according to the standards set forth by Campus Living, I may lose my SIH housing and be moved elsewhere within the residence halls.

To the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided through the Shared Interest Housing process is complete and accurate. I give permission to the Campus Living to verify this information.

_______________________________________
Student Name (print)

_______________________________________
Student Signature                                        Date