



UNIVERSITY
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Student Affairs
Division

Office for Residential
Education

Call for Applications: Faculty Master of a USC Residential College

Provost C.L. Max Nikias and Vice President for Student Affairs, Michael L. Jackson, invite applications for the position of Residential Faculty Master for (1) the Parkside International Residential College or (2) the North Residential College.

This is an exciting opportunity for a talented senior faculty member (tenured associate or above) to live on campus with students and help guide their experiences in a residential college setting. The Residential Faculty Master leads a student group of Resident Advisors and Residential Education staff from Student Affairs to design and coordinate the cultural, intellectual, and other programs for the Residential College. At Parkside, the Faculty Master is also assisted by other resident faculty on the staff, while at North, the Faculty Master serves alone but can collaborate with the Faculty Masters of the nearby New and Birnkrant Residential Colleges.

Description of North and Parkside International Residential Colleges

North Residential College opened in 1993 as the first residential college at USC. Initially housing over 500 students, North was divided in half several years later to form North and New Residential Colleges, each now housing about 250 students, mostly freshmen. North has a tradition of hosting weekly Wednesday night dinners for its residents in a special dining room in EVK Dining Hall. For the past seven years, Professors Florence Clark and John Wolcott have served as the Faculty Master and Co-Master of North.

In 2002 Parkside International Residential College opened. This 134,000 square foot building was the fifth residential college building operated by USC. Parkside International Residential College houses 421 students plus resident faculty program space and dining. Professor Michael Waterman has served as the Faculty Master in this Residential College for the past five years.

In fall 2007 USC opened its sixth residential college building, the Parkside Arts and Humanities Residential College, located adjacent to Parkside International Residential College. The two Parkside buildings, along with the resident faculty and staff of the Parkside apartments, share a dining hall and other common spaces, and they work collaboratively as well as separately in programming. Professor Kyung Moon Hwang of the history department serves as the Faculty Master of Parkside Arts and Humanities.

USC Statement of Philosophy/Commitment to Residential College Living

The residential college program at USC provides an academically-enriched living environment for students, which is considered one of the most important



components of a quality undergraduate experience. Faculty Masters interact with residents in formal and casual ways, serving as mentors for students and guiding the Residential Education staff in planning and hosting programs that draw upon the extraordinary intellectual and cultural resources of USC and Los Angeles. Residential colleges provide a valuable supplement to classroom learning as a place to enrich the hearts and minds of our students. They also help retain our best students and faculty, thus strengthening USC's intellectual community.

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Appointment Terms

The Residential Faculty Master will serve a 5-year term, receive rent-free accommodations in a specially designed 3-bedroom apartment, parking, a meal plan for oneself and family members, and access to a programming budget as well as a small research fund.

Applications

Letters of interest or nominations, plus a CV, should be sent to Kyung Moon Hwang, chair of the search committee, at khwang@usc.edu. The deadline for applications is March 14, 2008.