




MEMORANDUM

To: All Faculty
From: Elizabeth Garrett 
Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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Subject: Residential Education Opportunities

Office of the Provost

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During my installation address last January, I announced the university's intent to house all freshmen students in residential colleges by Fall 2012 as a way to enhance and supplement their in-class learning with a robust intellectual and cultural campus living experience. Construction and planning of these residential colleges is on schedule, and I invite you to contribute to this initiative by applying for a resident faculty position.

The newly created USC residential colleges in Fluor and Webb Towers and a reorganization of the South Residential Complex afford additional opportunities for new resident faculty. Residential faculty will set the intellectual and cultural tone for their respective colleges. They will live with students and provide guidance for programming within the residential college.

Recruitment is underway for five new positions: three faculty masters and two resident faculty. Master positions are reserved for tenured faculty members, while resident positions are open to all. We seek applicants who are passionate about enriching our students' living and learning experiences and who are committed to living, working, and academically engaging with our undergraduates. Faculty families are welcomed and encouraged.

If you are interested in becoming a part of our residential university, please submit a letter of interest to Professor Oliver Mayer, who is chairing the recruitment committee. The application and interview process will occur in the coming weeks, and selections will be made in early Spring. Any questions or requests for additional information should be directed to Regina Dunn in the Office of Student Affairs (rdunn@usc.edu).

As we continue to build a vibrant academic community, it is important for all faculty to find ways to engage with students outside of the classroom. If you are unable to apply for a resident faculty position, there are a number of other opportunities to participate in residential education. Masters' dinners, for instance, are hosted throughout the year by each residential college and often include a guest speaker or presentation. These are excellent occasions to talk and interact with students, and to contribute to topical discussions. Or become a Faculty Staff Mentor, who will work with the R.A. to develop programming and who will counsel, advise, and provide referrals for residents. Please visit <http://sait.usc.edu/ResEd/eventcalendar/default.aspx> for a calendar of residential education programming and opportunities to participate.

I hope all faculty will become involved in this important initiative as we work to ensure that our students enjoy successful undergraduate careers at USC.