Gender Inclusive Housing Living-Learning Community Re-Application

2014-2015

The Office of Residential Life & Housing is offering a Living-Learning Community entitled (LLC): Gender Inclusive Housing (GIH) for the 2014-2015 academic year. All applications must be returned to the Office of Residential Life & Housing no later than March 28th, 2014 at 4:30pm.

Personal Information

Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________________
(Last) ___ (First) ___ (MI) ___ (Preferred Name) ___
Gender: Male □ Female □ Other □ If Other, please specify: ______________________
Sex: Male □ Female □ Other □ If Other, please specify: ______________________
Student I.D. #: __________________________
Phone/Cell Number: _____________________________ RIC Email Address: ____________________________
Year of Graduation:
□ 2015 □ 2016 □ 2017 □ Other: __________
Major: _____________________________ Minor: _____________________________

Roommate/ Suitemate Preferences

Do you have a specific roommate/suitemate preference? If so, list below:

*Residential Life & Housing discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from living together in a residence hall.
Preferred Roommate: _____________________________ Student I.D. #: _____________________________
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*Requested students must also complete this application and be selected by the GIH committee.
In the event a suite is not filled to capacity Residential Life & Housing reserves the right to fill the space with students interested in Gender Inclusive Housing.

Extended Response
For the following questions, please complete typed on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why are you interested in returning to Gender Inclusive Housing?
2. What do you feel you could offer to the community next semester if you are offered a space?
3. What are some community development ideas you would like to contribute to Gender Inclusive Housing next year?

Agreement
I agree to uphold the policies and procedures stated in the Resident Student Handbook and the terms outlined the Resident Housing Contract. By signing below I signify that I have read, understood, and accept the Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement (see attached).

Parent/Guardian Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________
(If student is under 18 years of age)

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________

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Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement

The following policies are applicable to students who elect to live in gender inclusive housing:

In order to be eligible for gender inclusive housing, an application and deposit must be submitted by the appropriate deadlines.

There are a limited number of gender inclusive rooms available. If more students apply for gender inclusive rooms than may reside in the available space, students will be selected by the Gender Inclusive Housing committee. Students who are not chosen will be able to select a space through the housing selection process in late April of 2014 and be placed on a Gender Inclusive Housing waiting list.

If a resident of a gender inclusive apartment/suitemate cancels their housing or moves out of the room for any reason, the remaining roommate(s) must identify a new roommate(s) to fill the vacancy. Residential Life & Housing will assign the time allocated to find a new roommate. The timeframe may vary depending on time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. If a roommate(s) is not identified to fill the vacancy within the time period, Residential Life & Housing reserves the right to: (1) assign any student who indicates interest in living in gender inclusive housing, regardless of current residency status can be placed on a waiting list. (2) relocate/consolidate the current resident(s) to a different space. Room types cannot be guaranteed if a student is moved.

Residential Life & Housing has the right to consolidate gender inclusive spaces as needed.

Residential Life and Housing along with the Gender Inclusive Housing Committee reserves the right to interview candidates.

If behavior contrary to the spirit of this agreement is exhibited, a student may be relocated to a different housing accommodation on campus.

Residential Life & Housing discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from living together in a residence hall.

All residents residing in gender inclusive spaces must uphold the policies and procedures stated in the Resident Student Handbook and the terms outlined in the Housing and Dining Contract.
Gender Inclusive Housing Living-Learning Frequently Asked Questions

What is Gender Inclusive Housing?

Most residence halls at Rhode Island College are co-educational. Gender Inclusive Housing allows for same gender, opposite gender, non-gender and other gender identities to live together regardless of legal sex, in a safe and supportive environment. Students can live in the same room or suite as other students regardless of sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

The intent of the Gender Inclusive Housing Living-Learning Community is to establish a community where students are not limited by gender distinctions and are free to live with whom they feel the most comfortable.

What are my responsibilities as a Gender Inclusive Housing Community member?

The goal of the Living-Learning Community is to raise awareness of issues relating, but not limited to: gender, respect and equality. This community shall provide a safe and supportive environment for students of all orientations and backgrounds.

Students who live in this community will be expected to respect members’ different motivations for choosing this living option. They will embrace and learn from lifestyles and experiences different than their own, actively participate in community events, and abide by all regulations as outlined in the Resident Student Handbook, Resident Housing Contract, and Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement.

Where will Gender Inclusive Housing be located?

Gender Inclusive Housing for fall 2014 to spring 2015 will be housed in a reserved wing of New Residence Hall.

What will the duration of Gender Inclusive Housing be?

Participants will commit to living in Gender Inclusive Housing for one full academic year, the fall 2014 and spring 2015 semesters. Students may reapply for Gender Inclusive Housing the following year should they meet housing eligibility standards.
Who can participate in Gender Inclusive Housing?

This housing option is available to current residents who have paid their housing deposit, submitted a GIH application, and have taken part in an interview for the Living-Learning Community by the appropriate deadlines.

How do I apply for the Gender Inclusive Housing community?

Students interested in Gender Inclusive Housing must submit an application to the Office of Residential Life & Housing, on the side of New Residence Hall. The Gender Inclusive Housing committee will review each application and interview all applicants. A decision will be made to approve or deny the requests. Applications will be available online, and at the Residential Life & Housing office starting Monday, March 17th, 2014. Students may sign up for an interview time slot when submitting a hard copy of their application to Residential Life & Housing, by Friday March 21st, 2014.

What will happen to the remaining suitemates in the event that a vacancy occurs?

If a resident of a gender inclusive apartment/suite cancels their housing or moves out of their room for any reason, the remaining roommate(s) must identify a new roommate(s) to fill the vacancy. Residential Life & Housing will assign the time allocated to find a new roommate. The timeframe may vary depending on time of year and the status of the housing waitlist. If a roommate(s) is not identified to fill the vacancy within the time period, Residential Life & Housing reserves the right to: (1) assign any student who indicates interest in living in Gender Inclusive Housing regardless of current residency status (2) relocate/consolidate the current resident(s) to a different space. Room types cannot be guaranteed if a student is moved. See Gender Inclusive Housing Agreement.

What if parents don’t want their student to live in a gender Inclusive environment?

Students under the age of 18 should discuss housing plans with their families, as parental consent is required. Students over the age of 18 are legally able to make decisions about their housing contracts. It is the student’s responsibility to communicate with parents or guardians about the decision to live in a gender inclusive environment. Residential Life & Housing encourages this conversation between parents/guardians and students about the housing choice so that they can be in support of the student’s decision.

Does Gender Inclusive Housing mean that I may live with my significant other?

Residential Life & Housing discourages students of any sexual orientation who are in a relationship from living together in a residence hall.