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## Unity Center Graduate Assistantship

### **Rhode Island College Overview:**

Rhode Island College is located on a 180-acre campus in the Mount Pleasant section of Providence, Rhode Island. Current enrollment is approximately 7000 - 8000 including matriculating undergraduate students, graduate students and non-degree students. Although the student population is mostly commuter, approximately 1,100 students live in our six residence halls. The College recruits and attracts a diverse student body reflective of the State's racial, ethnic, socioeconomic and cultural population. The College continues to expand its role within the community through experiential learning, community service and other meaningful partnerships.

The College recognizes several cultural student organizations including Harambee, L.I.F.E. (Live. Inspire. Fight. Educate.), the Latino American Student Organization (LASO), the Asian Student Association (ASA), Pride Alliance and has a growing presence of Greek life on campus.

### **The Unity Center:**

As the Rhode Island College multicultural center, the Unity Center's mission is to promote the accessibility of educational services and the opportunity for excellence to all students through collaborative programming among its student affiliates, faculty, staff and the wider community. The center offers a variety of programs and opportunities for students, faculty and staff to gather and learn about the rich similarities and differences in perspective and culture that comprise our learning community. It provides a safe and affirming space for students regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, physical & learning ability, national origin, religious belief and other distinctions. The Center offers support for academic, social and personal development such as communication equipment, a lending library, an accessible student lounge which fosters active dialogue, a conference room and referrals to on and off campus resources.

The Graduate Assistant (GA) in multicultural affairs reports to the director of The Unity Center while serving under the auspices of the Associate Vice President for Community, Equity and Diversity.

### Duties & Responsibilities

- **work cooperatively with the director in staff development-scheduling, training and oversight**
- **serve as a Unity Center liaison to student organizations, academic departments and community organizations**
- **Support the Dialogue on Diversity committee as assigned**

- **assist in creating a welcoming community for LGBTQ students and other underrepresented student groups**
- **aid in developing and implementing cultural programming, community service opportunities and related activities**
- **utilize appropriate coaching and interpersonal skills when working with students**

Additionally, Graduate Assistants may be integrally involved in identifying grant opportunities, grant writing, and/or departmental projects requiring research & data analysis. GAs are expected to become knowledgeable about multicultural education, intergroup dialogue, and RIC diversity initiatives and programs.

Rhode Island College is a member of NASPA and supports and encourages its interns to become involved in these professional organizations.

### Qualifications

Matriculation in a Master's degree program in college student personnel, educational leadership and policy analysis, ethnic studies, social work, counseling psychology or related area is required.

The successful applicant will have the ability to multitask, be detail oriented and professional. Strong communication and organizational skills and experience functioning in a fast-paced environment are a must.

### Application & Remuneration

In accordance with Graduate Assistantship guidelines.

