

Honors College Shared Interest Housing Application 2016-2017

DUE: Friday, February 5, 2016 by 3 pm

The Honors College Greiner Hall Shared Interest Housing (SIH) is an opportunity for first-year students to continue building a strong community into the sophomore year in a residential setting. The Greiner SIH area will also keep Honors scholars connected to the College academically through a 1-credit fall course and a 1-credit spring course as well as the community service they will engage in for the full academic year.

Section I: Eligibility

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. Also, each member must be eligible to live in Greiner Hall.
3. The group must have a full-time UB faculty advisor (or a staff advisor directly associated with an academic program).
4. All members must be affiliated with the Honors College and in good standing.
5. Each member must be able to register and participate in HON 201 (Fall 2016) and HON 202 (Spring 2017), both one-credit courses taught through the Honors College.
6. Each member must be willing to complete the tasks listed under Section V: Participant Expectations

Decisions about who is accepted for the SIH area will be made by professional staff members of the Honors College and Campus Living.

In order to qualify for the SIH process, you must complete all parts of this application and return it to 106 Capen Hall by **3 pm on Friday, February 5, 2016**. If you have any questions, please email honors@buffalo.edu.

Application Checklist

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

- Review Section I to ensure that you are eligible to take part in the Shared Interest Housing program.
- Provide typed answers to the application questions in Section II.
- Review Sections III and IV and complete a "Declaration of Commitment" (Section V).
- Each person's \$300 housing deposit must be paid and complete a Residence Hall Agreement by **February 5, 2016**. It is recommended that this deposit be paid online at <http://housing.buffalo.edu/apply>

Once approved, group members will need to select roommates and rooms. There will be a meeting at **4:00 pm on Thursday, February 18, 2016**, in 107 Capen to select rooms. Additional details about this meeting will be shared in the acceptance letter for successful applicants.

Important dates to note:

- Friday, February 5th by 3pm: application deadline (106 Capen Hall)
- Friday, February 5th: housing deposit due to Campus Living (online)
- Friday, February 12th: date by which students will be notified of acceptance to Greiner Hall SIH opportunity
- Thursday, February 18th at 4:00 pm: room selection meeting (107 Capen Hall)

Section II: Individual Application

Part 1: Personal Information

Student Name: _____ Person Number: _____

Email Address: _____@buffalo.edu Gender: _____

Current Campus Address: _____

Permanent Address _____

Part 2: Housing Information

- Check this box, if you **do not plan** on living in the Greiner housing but would like to participate in the program.

Have you selected someone in the University Honors College with whom you would like to room?

- Yes, I intend to room with the following person:

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

NOTE: both roommates must submit applications indicating that you plan to live together.

- Yes, I am part of a group of four Honors College students that would like to share a suite. Here are the other three people:

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

Name: _____ Person Number: _____

NOTE: All four people must submit applications indicating that you plan to live together.

- No, I have not found a roommate, but would like to be considered for the Honors College SIH area (I understand that preference will go to people who have already found roommates)

By completing the entirety of this application, you are requesting to be considered for participation in the SIH housing program. Completion of this form does not guarantee continued status with a Shared Interest Housing Group. You will be notified of your status prior to room selection.

Part 3: Short-Answer Questions

Please attach typewritten answers to the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in being part of the Honors College Shared Interest Housing group? (Please include information such as what you think you will get out of this experience and how you think this experience might fit into your personal, academic, and professional goals, etc.)
2. For the service component, you will be able to choose your preferred community partner or create your own service project (final approval required). Do you have a particular community partner you would like to serve with and why? If not, what population or type of service, generally, do you think you would like to engage in?

Section III: 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.

Duties and Expectations of Floor Members:

- Participate in meetings with all members of the SIH area. These meetings may be coordinated by the Resident Assistant or Faculty/Staff Advisor, or a combination of the aforementioned individuals.
- Attend individual meetings with the student staff member assigned to the area up to 3 times a semester.
- Participate in planning and implementing educational and community service initiatives. (Described below)

Fall Semester expectations:

- Attend monthly community meetings arranged by the class instructors (approximately one hour each)
- Participate in one community-wide day of service (Saturday of service, date TBD, for up to 8 hours)
- Participate in at least one community-wide social activity
- Participate in a sustained community service project of your choice (minimum of 30 hours)
- Submit service journal and signed service log to Honors College by last day of fall classes or other time specified by the class instructors.
- Through your participation, you will earn 1-credit of HON 201 (graded pass/fail). Failure could result in removal from the SIH area.

Spring Semester expectations:

- Attend at least one community-wide social activity
- Participate in one community-wide day of service (Saturday of service, date TBD, for up to 8 hours)
- Attend a 1-hour weekly class meeting (typically Mondays at 4 pm)
- Continue participation in sustained community service project from fall term (minimum of 25 hours)
- Submit service journal, final service reflection and signed service log to Honors College by last day of spring classes or other time specified by the class instructors.
- Through your participation, you will earn 1-credit of HON 202 (letter grade)

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 IV: 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.

Campus Living Guidelines for Sharing Conduct Information with Campus Partners

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.

Section V: Declaration of Commitment

Each participant should have reviewed Section III: Participant Expectations and Section IV: 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 III) 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