

Graduate Professional Assistant GMU Esports Student Involvement

University Life creates purposeful learning environments, experiences, and opportunities that energize all students to broaden their capacity for academic success and personal growth. Through our innovative programs, partnerships, and services, students discover their unique talents, passions, and place in the world.

Mission Statement

We help students get connected to Mason Nation through campus-wide events, student organizations, trainings, student advocacy and personal interactions to bring ideas to fruition, create a sense of belonging and prepare students for success in their future.

Function:

The Graduate Professional Assistant for GMU Esports is a 20-hour per week graduate assistantship in Student Involvement which is housed in the Division of University Life at George Mason University. As a member of the Student Involvement team, the Graduate Professional Assistant for GMU Esports, reports directly to the Executive Director of Student Involvement. Through advisement, team development and event management, the Graduate Professional Assistant will support the development of community at George Mason University and enhance students' affinity for the institution.

Required Skills/Qualifications:

- Must be enrolled in one of George Mason University's Graduate Programs for the Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 academic year;
- Prior experience and knowledge with playtime in at least one of the program's premier games and their respective esports scenes (League of Legends, Rocket League, Super Smash Bros., Overwatch).
- Extensive multiplayer online PC gaming experience across multiple genres, preferably at a competitive and/or collegiate level
- Experience serving in a leadership capacity in an organization
- Must be reliable, responsible, self-motivated, confident, flexible, dedicated to enhancing the student experience
- Excellent written, verbal, and interpersonal skills;
- Ability to work in a high-paced, dynamic office atmosphere;
- Must exhibit professionalism and a strong work ethic.
- Must be able to join our team on August 2, 2021;
- Availability to work nights and weekends.

Preferred Experience:

- Experience with project management with a focus on esports
- Prior experience with collegiate esports, esports student organizations, and/or tournament and esports community organizing/event planning
- Strong understanding and ability to navigate multiple social media platforms including but not limited to Discord, Twitch, Twitter and Instagram.

Position Responsibilities

- Serve as co-advisor for GMU Esports along with the Executive Director of Student Involvement
- Plan and facilitate fall and winter leadership retreat with Executive Director and GMU Esports President
- Coordinate and manage leadership team recruitment and selection
- Advise the Community Manager on all aspects of community event development and execution
- Ensure annual review of standards and regulations for tournaments and community events along with the Community Manager
- Oversee the annual review and implementation of codes of conducts for GMU Esports community spaces along with the Community Manager
- Promote an inclusive, safe and welcoming environment for all students
- Directly advise two Premiere teams and co-advise the President
- Establish recruitment and retention goals and encourage academic excellence and compliance with standards set forth by Student Involvement
- Develop and facilitate team building and community development experiences for staff and team members
- Provide support to the President around all aspects of tryout coordination for GMU Esports teams
- Coordinate the practice schedule of the Premiere teams using the GMU Esports office.
- Ensure that GMU Esports initiatives align with the goals of Student Involvement
- Provide support to other areas of Student Involvement (i.e. Programming, Student Organizations, & Fraternity and Sorority Life) when needed;
- Be an active member on committees within the Student Involvement office and University Life as needed;
- Perform other duties as assigned by the Executive Director of Student Involvement.

Time Commitments:

The Graduate Professional Assistant position is designed for a 20-hour per week work commitment. At times, the work may require extended hours and/or night and weekend work hours.

Compensation:

- The Graduate Professional Assistant position will consist of the following compensation package;
 - GPA stipend, \$16,000 (\$8,000 per Fall & Spring semesters), will be paid on the 1st and 16th of the month for the duration of employment contract period;
 - Tuition grant up to 6 graduate credits at the in-state rate, not to exceed \$3,500 per semester;
- The position is a 9-month contract, August 2, 2021 – May 6, 2022, with the possibility of renewal for a second academic year.
- All information, including rules and regulations, regarding all graduate assistantship can be located on the Provost office Graduate Education website: <https://provost.gmu.edu/academics-and-research/graduate-education/graduate-student-appointments-fellowships>

To apply:

For priority consideration applicants must apply for this position by **March 25, 2021**; submit electronically a cover letter, resume, and a list of three professional references to:

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NOTE: If a candidate wishes to be considered for multiple positions within Student Involvement, they may simply indicate which positions on their letter of interest instead of submitting multiple sets of application materials.