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Come to KU and be part of these Jayhawk traditions
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CAREER

Pursue your professional and personal goals as a Jayhawk at the University of Kansas

Your opportunities

Complex directors
KU complex directors are leaders on campus and in regional professional organizations. They supervise full-time and graduate level staff, chair departmental committees, and teach university courses.

Graduate students
Student Housing graduate students pursue their educational goals at KU while serving as an integral part of the senior staff team. They supervise undergraduate staff, foster academic environments, and serve as student conduct officers.

Our three communities

Residence halls
Six complex directors and 12 graduate students serve the 3,300 residents in nine residence halls.

Scholarship halls
One complex director and six graduate students serve 600 residents who live in 12 cooperative halls.

Apartments
One complex director and two graduate students serve upperclass students in Jayhawk Towers and McCarthy Hall on-campus apartments.

What’s in it for you?

In addition to a life-changing job experience, colleagues committed to student success, and a storied KU tradition, you’ll be part of:

• a learning-centered residential environment.
• implementing a residential curriculum for undergraduates.
• furthering the academic mission of the institution by bettering the lives of students and helping them graduate.

Complex Director Compensation
• Annual salary starting at $35,000, plus full-time staff benefits including accrued leave and matched retirement plan.
• Fully furnished apartment plus cable, utilities, internet, laundry allowance, cell phone allowance and dining.
• Dining plan allows you to host dependents, domestic partners or approved roommate.
• Financial support to attend annual regional conference, plus tuition assistance program available.

Graduate School Tuition
Tuition is $376.20 per credit hour, plus semester fee of $683.

The total cost to graduate students in the Higher Education Administration program is $8,137.60 per academic year, plus the cost of books.

You are eligible for in-state tuition because of this assistantship. However, this isn’t considered a GTA appointment, so guidelines from the state of Kansas mean you won’t be eligible for tuition waiver.

Graduate Student Compensation
Compensation package about $22,600 a year.

• Salary of $500 every other week for 22 pay periods in a 10-month appointment. Total: $11,000. Group health insurance available.
• Furnished apartment with utilities, internet, and cable provided.
• Dining plan provided to use when dining centers are open. KU Cuisine Cash provided to use at convenience stores located on campus.
• Financial support to attend one regional conference a year.
• In-state tuition for the higher education administration program.