What is an RA?
A Resident Assistant (RA) is a member of the Deans' Staff in the Student Life Department of The Master's College. They work in conjunction with the Resident Director (RD), under the overall supervision of the Deans. An RA is a peer leader among students, first to their wing and to the campus as a whole, encouraging and influencing fellow students toward Christlikeness through example and speech. This position requires care, discipleship, administration, service & leadership.

How do I know if being an RA is right for me?
An RA should be someone who is characterized by the genuine presence and growth of these qualities and skills:
1. A maturing walk with the Lord and evident pursuit of Christlikeness in both word and deed
2. A teachable spirit, an ability to follow, dependability & faithfulness to one's responsibilities
3. A genuine desire and ability to build relationships with fellow students.
4. An ability to see the needs of other people and to actively initiate in meeting those needs.
5. A proven ability to initiate and boldly lead among peers and in relationships.

What are the RAs responsibilities?

Training:
- Attend RA class weekly and complete all assignments
- Attend monthly SLS meetings and complete all assignments
- Participate in RA Retreats, Servant Leadership Staff Retreat and Week of Welcome (WOW).
- Commit to one local church and exemplary in its body life

Leadership/Oversight/Care:
- Provide oversight for Small Groups on wing (under the RD’s direction) and to lead a weekly small group
- Meet weekly with your ARA(s) for mutual encouragement and learning how to best serve the wing
- Work together with the Dorm Staff to plan, organize and carry out dorm/wing activities during the school year
- Assist the RD in utilizing Wing Staff in cultivating biblical community and spiritual health on the wing
- Availing oneself and maintaining a general presence on the wing

Discipleship:
- Meet individually with RD on a weekly basis for mentoring, guidance and accountability
- Participate in weekly Dorm RA meeting led by the RD
- Pursue peer discipleship relationships with others on the wing or campus
- Lovingly approach and exhort students when their behavior opposes Scripture or violates the Student Handbook

Administration:
- Includes: communication with your RD, fellow RAs & your wing, room checks, lounge duty, fines, dorm supervision, church & chapel attendance and processing work requests
- To assist in the opening and closing of the residence halls at the beginning and end of the fall and spring semesters.
- Create a warm and inviting atmosphere on the wing with wing decorations and your presence

What meetings are required?
1. Weekly one-one-one meeting with your RD
2. Weekly meeting with the Dorm RA Team
3. Weekly meeting with your ARA
4. Weekly RA Class
5. Monthly SLS Meetings
6. Lead a Weekly Small Group

How many hours per week will this commitment require?
Including all meetings and requirements, the RA position calls for 20 per week. It can be compared to a part-time job.

How do you become a RA?
1. Acquire, complete, and return the SLS Application on time. Obtain RD signature on application.
2. Interview with the Associate Deans and Resident Directors.
3. Be appointed for leadership by the SLS Application Committee.

Is there a scholarship involved?
Yes, this is a compensated position.