

Christian Community Residency

Purpose

The resident ministry exists to cultivate a community of students exploring life with Jesus. The experience will provide students with some rhythms, structures and resources to nurture and grow together in their faith as part of a Christian community with guidance and direction from a minister. Students will walk away with a better understanding of the story of Scripture, deeper insight into how God has shaped them and their unique story, a greater familiarity with different spiritual practices, some opportunities to grow in the graces of hospitality and service, and some deep and meaningful friendships.

Ideal Resident

We are looking for people that want to explore their faith and identity in a deep, meaningful, and intentional way as part of a Christian community of people doing so together. Applicants should be people who are curious, trustworthy, kind, and dependable. Residents will be expected to prioritize house rhythms, activities, and to abide by the basic parameters of a roommate covenant (house rules).

Weekly Rhythms

Morning Prayer - At the beginning of each semester, residents and staff will set a time and day to meet weekly for morning prayer. This time is valuable for roommates to connect and share as they are rooted together in Christ. This time will also include some scripture memorization.

Roommate Dinner - At the beginning of each semester, residents will also set a weekly day and time for a roommate dinner. This is a chance for roommates to simply hang out and enjoy time together. Once a month, staff will join this dinner with a specific topic of discussion for the meal.

Study Tables - Each resident is to schedule 4 hours per week of time for “study tables” where they are committing themselves to being good students and inviting accountability from their peers.

Discipleship - Residents will meet weekly with staff in pairs for discipleship. This usually takes place during the day or over a meal and will be used to help students gain a deeper understanding of the story of scriptures as well as how to apply it to their daily lives.

Other Rhythms

Resident Retreats - The week before each semester begins, residents and staff will participate in a 4 day retreat together. This retreat serves a variety of purposes but is crucial for laying the foundations for relationships and rhythms that will shape each person’s experience over the year.

Semester Seminars - Over the first 3 or 4 weeks of the semester, the house will meet weekly together with staff for some specific teaching and training. These times will be devoted to covering a couple of specific topics (spiritual practices and worldviews).

Monthly Event or Activity - Residents will collaborate together to plan a monthly social activity or event geared toward hosting others and building friendships. This could be as simple as a bonfire, Halloween party, or movie night. Residents simply propose the activity beforehand to staff for approval.

Assigned Reading - There will be some assigned reading (books) over Summer and Winter break along with some occasional lighter reading selections through the semester.

House Rules

No dating roommates

No drugs or alcohol on the premise

No pets

Visitor Policy and Quiet Hours

Care of the property (trash/recycling, shovel snow, rake leaves)

Rotating Chores (as determined by residents with staff)

Participation in a local church (we can help if needed)

Event Policy (limited organization events, require approval)

Selection Process and Deadlines

The process for selecting residents happens near the beginning of the spring semester. We begin taking applications in February with the intent of notifying the next group of residents by the end of March. For more information or an application, please email trevor@impactingcolorado.com