



Residential Learning Programs and Continued Residency 2015-2016

Participants in the Rose Scholars and Rose Community Organizers programs are guaranteed the option of returning to Flora Rose House for the following academic year, contingent upon eligibility (see below for details).

All residents who want the option of returning to Rose House should apply to the Rose Scholars and/or Rose Community Organizers programs. Participation in one of these residential learning programs is the only way to guarantee that you can return to Flora Rose House for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Participation does not obligate you to return to Rose House for the 2016-2017 academic year.

**The application deadline is September 2, 2015.
Applicants will be notified by September 8, 2015.**

Students who move into Rose House after the application deadline are eligible to join the Rose Scholars program after September 2, 2015. Contact the Assistant Dean within two weeks of the beginning of your Housing contract start date for details.

ABOUT FLORA ROSE HOUSE

Flora Rose House is an academic and residential program for Cornell sophomores, juniors, and seniors that supports the intellectual and personal development of its residents. Flora Rose House seeks to create an inclusive and diverse student community that encourages intellectual inquiry and active citizenship and that promotes respect, understanding, and dialogue.

ROSE SCHOLARS

The Rose Scholars program is an opportunity for residents to participate regularly in the academic and civic activities of Flora Rose House. The program is designed to address the needs of students who want to be part of the House's living-learning model but find it difficult to divert time from class study. The Scholars program eliminates that problem by making life in Flora Rose House a class of its own.

How can I be part of the Rose Scholars program?

Submit a Rose Scholars application by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, September 2. The application asks residents to answer questions about their interest in the program and the type of civic and academic opportunities they'd like to pursue. If admitted, you will be enrolled in a 1-credit-per-semester class for both the fall and spring semesters. The class will be graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

What are the class requirements for Rose Scholars?

Program participants are required to attend seven house programs in the fall and nine in the spring – for a total of sixteen for the academic year – and to reflect on their experiences of each event in a posting to an online digital media portfolio. Every week we offer at least four events that you can use to fulfill the requirement: the Becker-Rose Café at 7pm Wednesdays, the Saturday Event every Saturday afternoon, and at least two more each week. The weekly “What’s Happening At Rose House” poster and the weekly email to all Rose Residents designate those events that fulfill the Rose Scholars requirement. More details about the class requirements are available at florarosehouse.cornell.edu.

You are encouraged to attend as many programs as you want, but you cannot count more than one program per week towards the requirement.

What happens if I cannot attend any of the events during a given week?

We understand that illness and other extraordinary circumstances may occasionally get in the way of fulfilling the course requirement. You will be given 3 excused absences per semester; in other words, you will still be eligible to receive an “S” provided that you fulfill the requirement for 7 of the 10 weeks in the fall semester and 9 of 12 weeks in the spring semester. (There will be no requirement for the weeks of Fall Break and Thanksgiving Recess.) Please use these excused absences carefully and only in cases when you truly need them. In general, all Scholars are expected to attend events every week that classes are in session. You’ll be glad you did!

What are the benefits of participation?

In addition to the opportunity to engage academically and civically with the Rose House community, participants can earn two benefits. First, participants are offered a guaranteed housing option in Rose House the following year, contingent upon eligibility. Second, participants who successfully complete the program will be designated as Rose Scholars, and awarded a certificate recognizing program completion.

ROSE COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS

The Rose Community Organizers program is for students who commit to making substantial contributions to the creation of a diverse, inclusive residential community in Flora Rose House. The Community Organizers program is designed to:

- develop participants’ leadership potential and community-building skills;
- train participants to analyze different leadership styles and decide what approaches will be most effective in light of different situations and goals;
- help participants analyze their own personality traits and use that understanding to improve their efficacy as a leader;
- encourage students to take responsibility for the character of their residential communities;
- support the work of GRFs and SAs in building strong and inclusive neighborhood communities by connecting students to each other around shared interests and concerns.

How can I be part of the Rose Community Organizer program?

Complete the Rose Community Organizers application online (see link on florarosehouse.cornell.edu) by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, September 2. Students selected as Community Organizers will enroll in a 1-credit-per-semester class for both the fall and spring semesters. The class will be graded on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.

What are the class requirements for Community Organizers?

- Attend weekly meetings of the Rose Roundtable (the Rose House Council) on Tuesdays from 8:15-9:15 pm. You are given 3 excused absences per semester.
- Attend one 6-hour teambuilding session, which will be scheduled on a Saturday during the fall semester. Absence will be excused for conflicts involving a meeting of a for-credit class or obligations arising from participation in varsity sports.
- Complete assigned readings. Across the course of each semester, there may be up to five short reading assignments that will be discussed during meetings of the Rose Roundtable.
- Be an active, contributing member of the Rose Roundtable. Rose Community Organizers are expected to work as a team to organize and “run” at least one House-wide event in the Fall and at least two in the Spring. This could require up to 6 hours each semester outside regular Roundtable meetings in order to provide logistical support for Roundtable-sponsored events.

What is expected of me as an Community Organizer beyond the formal requirements listed above?

Community Organizers are expected to:

- include and value every resident as a part of our community;
- share their knowledge, experiences, and perspectives and invite others to do the same;
- challenge norms, attitudes, or patterns of behavior that are obstacles to the formation of an inclusive community;
- bring factors that are standing in the way of the Rose House’s commitment to inclusivity, respect, and understanding to the attention of their neighbors, GRFs, and University staff as appropriate;
- promote dialogue by creating opportunities for residents to voice their perspectives and listen to each other; and
- work to improve the quality of life for all Rose House students.

What are the benefits of participation in the Rose Community Organizers program?

The Rose Community Organizers allows you to develop your leadership potential and community-building skills through practical experience. Participants receive mentorship in community organizing and leadership development, with support from a member of the Rose House Staff (a GRF and/or the House Assistant Dean) and their peers. Furthermore, participants are given the option of continued residency in Flora Rose House the following year, contingent upon eligibility.

FAQS

Why are participants in the Rose Scholars and the Rose Community Organizer programs offered a guaranteed housing option?

To fulfill the House’s living-learning mission, the House Professor and Assistant Dean want as many residents as possible to participate in the academic and civic programs. The guaranteed housing option helps the House retain residents who contribute to this mission and who can serve as positive examples to new, incoming residents.

Do I have to live in Flora Rose House next year if I become a Rose Scholar or Rose Community Organizer?

No, you are not obligated to return to Rose House next year. You have the option of continued residency. Whether you exercise that option is up to you. Students accepted into either program have until February 2016 to decide if they want to return for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Can I return to Flora Rose House next year if I don't participate in either the Scholars or Community Organizers program?

Participation in the Rose Scholars or Rose Community Organizers program is the only way to guarantee that you can return to Rose House next year.

Is there any way to secure a bed in Rose House if I do not participate in the Rose Scholars or Community Organizers program?

Rooms in Rose House *may* be available during the General Housing Lottery. However, this is *not* guaranteed and, based on past experience, not likely. *If you want to live on campus next year, participating in the Rose Scholars or Rose Community Organizers program is your best option.*

What happens if I don't complete the program requirements? Do I still get a guaranteed housing option?

Those enrolled in the Rose Scholars and/or Community Organizers program who do not complete the class requirements will be given a grade of "unsatisfactory" on their transcript. Moreover, Rose Scholars who do not complete the class requirements will not be certified as Rose Scholars and will not receive the certificate. However, because housing contracts are signed well before the end of the academic year, those contracts will remain in place.

What happens if I am accepted into the Rose Scholars or Community Organizers program and then find that I don't like it? Can I drop the class?

Students accepted into either program have until the CALS drop deadline (October 20, 2015) to drop the class and end their participation without penalty. However, you must participate throughout both the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semester in order to exercise the guaranteed housing option. The requirement to participate in the Spring 2016 semester is waived for registered students who study abroad or participate in Cornell in Washington or similar University programs during the Spring 2016 semester.

Who will oversee and administer the Rose Scholars Program?

House Professor and Dean Garrick Blalock, an Associate Professor in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, oversees the Rose Scholars program. The Flora Rose House Assistant Dean, Jarrett Anthony, Ph.D., and the graduate resident fellows (GRFs), will assist him. The House Professor and Dean, Assistant Dean, and GRFs all live in Flora Rose House. In addition to seeing them during program activities, you can expect to interact informally with them in the halls, dining room, etc.

Who will oversee and administer the Rose Community Organizers Program?

House Assistant Dean, Jarrett Anthony, oversees the Community Organizers program. House Professor and Dean Garrick Blalock and the graduate resident fellows (GRFs), will assist him.

Who can apply to be a Rose Scholar and/or Community Organizer?

Anyone can apply to the Rose Scholars program. You must be a resident of Rose House to apply to the Rose Community Organizers program. However, in order to take advantage of the guaranteed housing option (continued residency) for the following academic year that comes with participation in the programs, you must meet the Eligibility Requirements for Continued Residency listed below.

Can I be both a Rose Scholar and Community Organizer?

Yes, if you are accepted and meet the requirements for both programs. However, you can only participate in one of the two programs for credit. Given the expectations of the programs, residents are encouraged to choose one or the other.

Why have two different programs? What is the difference between being a Rose Scholar and a Rose Community Organizer?

The Scholars program emphasizes academic inquiry and civic engagement by creating the opportunity to earn class credit for participating in the educational opportunities in Flora Rose House. The Community Organizers program focusses on leadership development and equips residents to shape the character of their neighborhoods and the Rose community at large. Both programs support the mission of Rose House, but they have different requirements.

When will I know if I can return to Rose House next year?

You will know that you have the option to return to Rose House for the next academic year upon being accepted into the Rose Scholars or Rose Community Organizers program. Returning to Rose House is contingent upon meeting the Eligibility Requirements for Continued Residency (below) and proper completion of the Room Selection process.

As a Rose Scholar and/or Rose Community Organizer who plans to return next year, can I select my own room? Can I choose who my roommates will be?

You will be allowed to select your room from a limited number of available rooms during the Room Selection process in February 2016. You may select your roommates and/or suitemates, subject to certain restrictions. There is no "pulling-in" a roommate or suitemate; in other words, anyone who you select to share a room or suite with must be a participant in the Rose Scholars or Rose Community Organizers program and must meet the Eligibility Requirements for Continued Residency.

What if I sign a housing contract for 2016–17 and I am away from the university for the Fall 2016 semester (e.g., study abroad, engineering coop, leave of absence, etc.)? Your 2015-16 housing contract will be terminated and you will need to reapply for housing when you return.

I will be studying away from campus (e.g., study abroad, Cornell in Washington) but will still be a registered student in Spring 2016. Can I still participate the Rose Scholars or Community Organizers program and select a room in the room selection process?

Yes, provided that you meet the Eligibility Requirements for Continued Residency, you can have a proxy choose a room for you.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED RESIDENCY

To select and secure a room through the Rose Scholars or Rose Community Organizers programs, you must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- You must be a Rose resident on February 3, 2016; OR, if you are studying abroad during the Spring 2016 semester, Rose was your last campus address in Fall 2015;
- You must be a full-time registered Cornell student when you sign your housing contract in February 2016; and
- You must plan to be a registered Cornell student and to live in Rose in the Fall 2016 semester.