



Student Led Micro-Community Grant Program at the Pres House Apartments

You are invited to take your living experience to a new level as part of a Student Led Micro-Community for the 2012-13 year!

The Pres House Apartments house 250 students from diverse backgrounds in a beautiful four year-old apartment facility located in the heart of the UW Madison campus. The vision for the Pres House Apartments is to be:

A safe and welcoming home » grounded in the love of God » where growth is nurtured and encouraged » and where students of any faith or of none at all » can engage together in an intentional journey toward wholeness.¹

Purpose:

The Student Led Micro-Community Grant Program is a new and exciting program that provides support for students to develop and experience intentional and purposeful living in micro-communities organized around a meaningful focus.

Micro-Community Focus Ideas:

Pres House would be interested in supporting groups of students interested in living, learning and serving in some of the following ways. This list is not exhaustive and other ideas are encouraged. Creativity is welcome!

- A group committed to living out Christian spiritual disciplines daily/weekly, offering spiritual discipline opportunities for others, and reflecting on the experience
- A group that wants to live out an academic thesis that one member is writing – turning an academic pursuit into “real life” in community.
- A group where each member volunteers at a non-profit for 5-10 hours per week and then shares the experience together over a weekly meal and with the larger campus through a video or forum.
- A group focused on learning and doing something about a pressing issue such as human trafficking, climate change, or homelessness in Madison.
- An interfaith group that wants to take interfaith dialogue to another level by sharing an apartment together and reflecting with each other and with the campus at large on what it means to “live together” in a global, pluralist society.
- Your own idea of a living/learning/service community that develops deep and meaningful relationships within the group and meets a need on campus, in the wider community, or in the world.

¹ Students live at Pres House for all kinds of different reasons and all are welcome regardless of background and reason for choosing Pres House. All programs and activities offered at Pres House are voluntary and no religious participation or affiliation is required.

Support from Pres House:

Pres House will provide up to 20% rent credit scholarships for each member of the micro-community. Group leaders will receive up to an additional 10% scholarship for their role in facilitating the group. Co-leaders could split this role and the additional scholarship. Pres House will also provide some organizational and relational support from our staff to help throughout the year, although the impetus for the community will be primarily in the hands of the group itself. A proposal may also request up to \$300 per member of the group for travel, supplies, special meals, speaker fees, or other program expenses (for example: \$1800 for a group of 6). Each group member must participate in all aspects of the proposed program in order to continue to receive the rent credit scholarship throughout the year.

How to apply and timeline:

Applications are available beginning August 15, 2011. Applications are due by October 15, 2011. Interviews will be conducted between October 15 and November 15. Grants will be awarded by November 15, 2011. Those who are interested in the Pres House Fellowship may apply for both programs and the application for the PH Fellowship will be held until a decision is made about the micro-community grant, but you cannot be a part of both programs at the same time. Every micro-community group member must sign a lease in the Pres House Apartments within 2 weeks of the grant being awarded.

Join us for an info session to learn more about the grant and application process on Sunday, September 18th at 8pm at Pres House.

Make-up of an intentional community group:

Groups may be from 4 to 12 people in size. Group members do not need to live in the same apartment, although that is encouraged. All group members must live at the Pres House Apartments. Applicants are encouraged to talk with the Leasing Manager about apartment configuration options before settling on your group if you all want to live in the same apartment unit as there are many different unit configurations. You can make your group open to additional members if you should chose to do so (for example: 4 people apply for the grant and are open to 2-4 more people joining the micro-community for the same purpose). All group members must be full-time students at UW-Madison and not on academic probation.

The ideal grant proposal will:

- State a clear and meaningful purpose for the intentional micro-community being proposed.
- Include programs and activities that will a. develop community among micro-community residents, b. provide opportunities for others living in the Pres House Apartments to engage in your interest and/or project, c. educate, engage, inspire or meet some need of the campus and/or surrounding community.
- Be clearly thought out and well articulated. The complete proposal should be longer than two pages, but no more than 10 pages.
- Include a comprehensive budget for planning purposes.
- Include a plan to evaluate and report on the progress of the micro-community.
- Demonstrate that connections have already been made with outside groups/advisors and others as needed for the proposal.
- Identify leaders or co-leaders for the micro-community.

II. PURPOSE

A. Overview. In describing your purpose, please answer the following questions in a separate document: (Please keep to no more than 4 pages)

1. What need(s) in the UW, Madison and/or global community does your project address?
2. What are the goals of your micro-community project?
3. How will you work together during the year? What process has the group used to select members?
4. What mechanisms do you have in place for holding individuals accountable to their commitments? How do you propose evaluating the effectiveness of your micro-community and reporting on progress throughout the year?
5. Do you anticipate any expenses associated with the project beyond those in the budget section below? How do you propose to raise and/or obtain this funding?
5. What other organizations – including student organizations – do you anticipate working with to implement your project (e.g. Morgridge Center, Dean of Students, non-UW organizations – like American Cancer Society, etc.)?

B. Specific Events, Activities and Programming in the Micro-Community: (In order for the selection committee to be well informed, include all activities you are planning. Include activities your micro-community members will do together, will do to engage the larger community at PH Apartments, and engage the campus or wider Madison area. Example may include: daily spiritual practices, weekly apartment meals, special events or service projects for the building and/or campus, forums/lectures./guest speakers open to all, trips and field trips, etc. Use additional pages if necessary.)

Fall Semester:

Spring Semester:

Summer:

III. STAFF RESOURCES

A. What support do you anticipate wanting from the Director of the Residential Community and other Pres House staff?

IV. BUDGET

A. Standard rent reduction. All micro-community members can receive a 20% discount on rent.

Name	Standard Rent	Discount
TOTAL		

B. Other. Identify specific expenditures for which you are requesting coverage, including the estimated amount and rationale.

	Expense/Program/Activity/Etc.	Cost
TOTAL		

Agreement:

I (*each micro-community member must sign below*) agree to actively support the proposed micro-community at the Pres House Apartment with my time, energy, and interest. In addition I agree to attend ALL Micro-Community events and activities and support our group coordinator(s) in fulfilling our micro-community purpose. I understand that I will be asked to provide regular reporting to the Pres House staff on the activities our micro-community so that we can receive support, encouragement and accountability throughout the year. I understand that if I fail to meet these criteria I will forfeit my rent credit in the Pres House Apartments and will still be responsible for the entirety of my lease at the normal rental rate. I understand that I must also abide by all regulations in the PH Apartment lease and if I am found in violation of lease regulations I forfeit my scholarship. I understand I must sign a standard 12 month lease at the Pres House Apartments within 15 days of acceptance of this application otherwise I will lose my spot.

Signature

Printed Name

Date
