

GEORGIA SOUTHERN'S RLC

PROGRAM
University Housing knows that a strong college experience
STARTS with a strong residential experience...



Our staff thrive by creating an environment that allows you to successfully transition to college through rewarding experiences and opportunities to engage with your peers.

While we provide this level of care to all of our residents, incoming first-year students can take their experience one step further by joining one of our Residential Learning Communities.

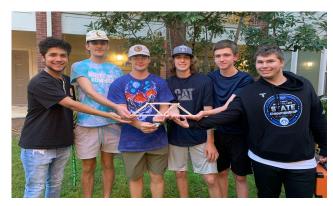
WHAT IS AN RLC?

Residential Learning Communities, or RLCs, are a unique housing option for students who wish to live with others who share similar academic interests but bring their own identities and backgrounds to a shared community. These specialty communities, also known as Living Learning Communities, provide students with a built-in support network from their first moments on campus and have been known to create lifelong friendships, connections with faculty and staff, and impactful learning experiences that complement the University experience.

While each community has their own goals, culture, campus partners, and requirements - all of our RLCs are focused on helping you create connections with others, learn more about campus/community resources, and grow as individuals. Through workshops, shared courses, increased faculty engagement in the residential environment, field trips, community socials, and more - you'll leave your RLC experience knowing that Georgia Southern was the right choice for you.







JOIN AN RLC TODAY!

RLCS DEFINED FURTHER

Residential Learning Community (RLC)

RLCs are composed of residential students who are in the same academic major or campus program. These communities have application requirements, participation expectations, required welcome orientations, and/or required common courses. Each RLC has an Advisory Board of faculty and staff members who are dedicated to getting to know the RLC students and supporting their success through a diverse set of meaningful opportunities.

Benefits of RLCs

- Faculty and Staff are easily accessible to RLC students.
- 2. The residential experience is **tailored to match interests and academic needs**.
- 3. Have an easier transition to the college environment and independent living.
- 4. Develop a **stronger sense of belonging** at Georgia Southern University and within University Housing.
- 5. National research has shown that those involved in RLCs have *higher GPAs*.
- 6. RLCs set students up to be **successful in their major/academic program.**
- 7. As a result of increased access and support of Faculty and Staff, **students involved in RLCs stay in their declared major and graduate on time.**

Regardless of which community you opt to live in, you'll still have an amazing first-year in college by choosing to live in an RLC!

RLCs LET YOU CHOOSE YOUR RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

ARE YOU READY TO CHOOSE A MEANINGFUL, HANDS-ON, TAILORED, & IMPACTFUL EXPERIENCE?

2026-2027 RLC OPTIONS

Statesboro Campus



First-Generation Leaders Engaging in Daring Growth & Exploration (F.L.E.D.G.E) Residential Learning Community (p. 10) - NEW!

Open to students who are the first in their families to attend college. This community provides a strong foundation for academic success, personal growth, and leadership development. F.L.E.D.G.E. (First-Generation Leaders Engaging in Daring Growth and Exploration) offers first-gen students the chance to build a supportive network, connect with mentors, and access resources that help them thrive in and beyond the classroom.



Eagle Educators Residential Learning Community (p. 12)

Open to students with declared majors in the College of Education. This community provides students with extra support and knowledge to enable their success in the field of education.



Honors Residential Learning Community (p. 14)

Open to students who have accepted an offer to join the Honors College. This community helps Honors students connect with peers, faculty, and upperclassman to have a successful transition to Georgia Southern and build lifelong relationships.



Innovation Residential Learning Community (p. 16)

Open to students with declared majors in the College of Engineering & Computing. This community supports students' personal, academic, and professional success. It is a great way to build your professional network with peers, faculty, alumni, and local companies.



The Lab Residential Learning Community (p. 18)

Open to students with declared majors in the College of Science & Mathematics. This community provides students with academic support, engaging learning opportunities, and meaningful faculty connections through common courses, projects, and social events.



Armstrong Campus

Honors Living-Learning Community (p. 14)

Open to students who have accepted an offer to join the Honors College. This community helps Honors students connect with peers, faculty, and upperclassman to have a successful transition to Georgia Southern and build lifelong relationships.



Vitals Residential Learning Community (p. 20) - NEW!

Open to students with declared majors in the Water's College of Health Professions. This community supports students in their knowledge of professional opportunities in healthcare through tailored events with faculty and additional support services.

RLC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



I'm hooked! How do I apply to join a RLC?

Once you are accepted to the University, you will be able to start a housing application. After you've paid the \$150 non-refundable application fee, you'll be able to complete your housing application and request to join a RLC. From there, you'll answer a couple questions and confirm you would like to join the RLC before moving on to the rest of the general housing application.

Is there a deadline for joining an RLC?

Because we have a limited amount of participant spots per RLC each year, our goal is to end the RLC assignments process by the end of April. Because of the limited availability of RLC spaces, we highly recommend getting in your application by the housing application priority deadlines (March 1st for the Statesboro Campus and April 1st for the Armstrong Campus). After April, we assign students to the RLCs based on availability.

Can I choose my room type?

After you submit your RLC preference on the housing application you'll be able to preference a room type within the community. We do our best to assign you to a room type you've preferred, but space is limited so apply early! Please note that when you apply to live in a RLC, you will only be shown room types available in that RLC.

I want to join a RLC, but would rather live somewhere else. Can I do that instead?

To get the most out of a RLC, you need to LIVE in our designated residence halls that is home to your RLC. Our "Nests" are <u>Kennedy Hall</u> (Statesboro Campu) and <u>Windward Commons</u> (Armstrong Campus).

Can I live with a preferred roommate?

Students in the RLCs will be assigned a roommate who is also in the RLC. However, if you have someone you are interested in living with, you'll be able to preference them on the housing application. We recommend to ensure your preferred roommate also applies for the RLC and meet the requirements.

I just can't choose! Can I be in more than one RLC?

We love your enthusiasm, but we ask that students commit to one RLC. While you can attend most housing events regardless of RLC, there are some that are specific to just members of that community. If you need help choosing, contact the housing office for assistance.

RLC QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Does the RLC cost extra?

Each semester RLC residents have a \$20 activity fee to help fund RLC events, field trips, & more. This fee is added to your tuition and fees.

Can I be in the RLC if I don't meet the requirements?

In order to be accepted into a RLC you must meet all requirements of the individual RLC. Until this requirement is met, your RLC application will be marked as 'pending.' University Housing will communicate via email about your housing application progress.

How will I be notified that I have been accepted to a RLC?

When your housing application is submitted, your RLC status will be marked as 'pending.' Once your request has been approved, you'll receive notification of being placed in the RLC. All communications about the assignments process will be sent to your Georgia Southern email address. Please remember to check your email in the spring and summer for important move-in information from your RLC.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING A RLC?

Our RLCs give you more than a room-they give you a launchpad! Students have reported the following benefits:

- ★ STRONGER CONNECTIONS You live alongside peers who share the same major, goals, and passions;
- ★ ACADEMIC BOOST Access to study groups, tutoring, student support services, and faculty & staff mentors in the residence hall and classroom:
- ★ CAREER READINESS Hands-on programs and networking tied directly to your field of study;
- ★ SUPPORT SYSTEMS Built-in mentors and peers with shared interests who understand your passion and goals;
- ★ ENGAGEMENT Tailored events around your personal and professional interests!

The RLCs are located in one specific residence hall on each of our residential campuses. For Statesboro, our RLCs are located in Kennedy Hall. For Savannah, our RLCs are located in Windward Commons. The benefits for having all of our RLC students in one residence hall is to help promote:

- ★ COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS You'll meet future teachers, engineers, scientists, leaders, healthcare professionals, and scholars in one space;
- ★ COLLABORATION HUB Intentional and strategic partnerships across fields of study;
- ★ SHARED RESOURCES Tutoring spaces, lounges, and community events supporting every Eagle:
- ★ BIGGER NETWORK Instead of one small circle, you get access to a hall full of scholars!

Many Communities. One Nest.

RLC COMPARISON CHART

	F.L.E.D.G.E. Honors Innovation Lab Vitals					
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Armstrong Location	*	*	~	*	*	~
Statesboro Location	~	~	~	~	~	*
Required Major / Campus Program / Classification	~	~	~	~	~	~
RLC Orientation / Eagle Experience Event	~	~	~	~	~	~
General Participation Expectations	~	~	~	~	~	~
Required FYE 1220 - RLC Section	~	~	*	~	~	~
Required CORE 2000 Course - RLC Section	~	~	*	*	~	~

Our Nests: Kennedy Hall & Windward Commons



\$20 RLC Activity Fee













2026-2027 RLCs





Innovation Community

Transforming Through
Engineering & Computing



Honors Community

A Community of Scholars



F.L.E.D.G.E. Community

First-Gen Leaders Engaging in Daring Growth & Exploration



The Lab Community

Learning about Science and Math together



Vitals Community

The Essentials for Students on the Path for Healthcare





F.L.E.D.G.E. RLC

First-Generation Leaders Engaging in Daring Growth and

Exploration



CAMPUS

Statesboro Campus



HALL

Kennedy Hall



REQUIREMENTS

Identify as First-Generation Student



\$20 RLC Activity Fee (per semester)



Enrollment in FYE 1220 in the Fall & Core 2000 in the Spring

ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Students will be able to express interest in living in this community on their housing application. Housing staff will work closely with key campus partners to confirm eligibility to this specialized residential community.

Am I First-Gen?

Georgia Southern defines first-generation college students as a student whose parent(s) or guardian(s) did not complete a 4-year college or university degree.

The RLC's Advisory Board is comprised of staff from University Housing, Academic Success, and Institutional Engagement. They provide students with additional support, resources, instruction, and plan events that help them successfully meet their personal and professional goals. Although this is a NEW community, we are excited for these upcoming opportunities::

- Class Registration Parties
- **Group Study Nights**
- Career Readiness & Major Exploration Series
- Wellness Coaching
- First-Gen Guest Speakers
- **Peer Mentor Circles**
- Family Appreciation Night



Georgia Southern Forward!





First-Generation College Students & the **Residential Learning** Communities Program.



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EAGLE EDUCATORS RLC Making A Difference Through Teaching





Statesboro Campus



HALL

Kennedy Hall



REQUIREMENTS

Education Major



\$20 RLC Activity Fee (per semester)



Enrollment in FYE 1220 in the Fall & Core 2000 in the Spring



ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Sponsored by the <u>College of Education</u>, this community is designed to help students adjust to the collegiate environment, while teaching them about the complex needs of the U.S. Education System and helping them develop the skills to become a culturally responsive educator.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students will be able to express interest in joining this community on their housing application. Housing staff will confirm student has a declared major in the College of Education before assigning students to a room in the community with a fellow Eagle Educator member.

Click or scan the QR Code to learn more about the College of Education and the Residential Learning Communities Program.

The RLC's Advisory Board is comprised of faculty and staff from the College of Education and University Housing. Members of the Board teach RLC common courses (FYE 1220 and Core 2000) and support residents personally, academically, and professionally. The Board also hosts fun social events throughout the year.

Some past and potential activities include:

- ★ FYE 1220 A required one-hour Institutional Priority course for all first-year students. Students will take a special section of FYE 1220 together with content focused on the needs of education majors.
- ★ Special Events Examples include movie nights, craft workshops, group service experiences, community competitions (such as Best 'Teacher Outfit' and Best Bulletin Board), and time to talk with Moonpie, the certified therapy goat.
- ★ CORE 2000 A required one-hour Institutional Priority course for students who are completing their second semester of collegiate work. RLC members will be enrolled by their FYE Instructor as long as the member maintains active involvement with their Residential Learning Community.

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Hear From A Peer

Eli Parker, Health and Physical Education

"My name is Eli Parker, and I was part of the Eagle Educators RLC during my freshman year. My high school counselor recommended that I apply for the RLC, and it turned out to be one of the best decisions I could have made for my freshman year.

During my time in the RLC program, I gained a wonderful group of friends who made the transition to college much easier. In addition to these lifelong friendships, the advice and support from the teachers in the Eagle Educator Program helped my freshman year flow smoothly. I can still rely on the teachers from the RLC to assist me with any questions or challenges I may encounter during my time at Georgia Southern.

I strongly encourage you to give the RLC program a chance—you won't regret it.

Sincerely, Ernest Earl Parker III (Eli)"



Honors RLC A Community of Scholars





LOCATION Armstrong Campus Windward Commons



Statesboro Campus Kennedy Hall



REQUIREMENTS Member of the

Honors College



\$20 RLC Activity Fee (per semester)



Participation in Community Activities Throughout the Year

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Sponsored by the <u>Honors College</u>, this community allows first-year Honors students the opportunity to engage with peers, faculty, and alumni through socials, service projects, and leadership development workshops. The community also provides students with an environment that supports academic success. RLC members are in many of the same courses, so it is natural for study groups to form.

Past students have told us how much they appreciate living with like-minded peers. Not only are the other RLC members classmates and friends, but they also become your cheerleaders, sounding board, support system, and professional network. Your Honors peers are just as dedicated to their academic and professional goals as you are. Like you, they are motivated and driven to reach their goals.

Between the community atmosphere, the meaningful conversations, specialty events, and opportunities to connect with faculty - you will be inspired and challenged to be the best possible version of yourself during your time at Georgia Southern.

Hear From a Peer

Logan Collins, Anthropology Major

"My freshman year I was a part of the Honors RLC, and I decided I wanted to be a Resident Advisor (RA) because I wanted the floor to have more Honors-centric programming. Since becoming an RA on the floor, I have been able to invite professors to come talk to residents about future class opportunities and to play trivia. Planning these types of events has allowed me to explore my own creativity as I try to balance what would be beneficial for residents and the faculty giving their own free time. Being a leader in an RLC means I have built connections with residents that go beyond the year they live on the floor. Past residents still come to me if they have questions about honors requirements, thesis preparation, or how to build on their academic experience. The most enjoyable part of the job for me is that I get to continually help residents expand their idea of what a well-rounded academic experience looks like and that it can go beyond the classroom."

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

The RLC's Advisory Board is comprised of staff from University Housing and the Honors College. They provide students with tailored community events that promote a community of scholars. They want our Honors students to meet their personal and professional goals.

Examples of tailored events include:

- ★ Class Registration Parties
- ★ Group Study Nights
- ★ Are You Smarter Than a Professor?
- ★ Late Night Breakfast
- ★ Coffee and Conversations
- ★ And more!



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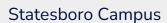
Residential Learning Community Program



Innovation RLC Transforming Through Engineering & Computing



CAMPUS





HALL

Kennedy Hall

REQUIREMENTS



Engineering & Computing Major



\$20 RLC Activity Fee (per semester)



Enrollment in Common FYE 1220 (Fall) and Core 2000 (Spring)

ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY

Sponsored by the <u>College of Engineering & Computing</u>, students in this community have access to academic support, professional development workshops, and opportunities to engage with faculty, alumni, and local employers outside of the classroom. With multiple competitive community events, socials, and more - this is a great place to grow and build lifelong friendships.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students will be able to express interest in joining this community on their housing application. Housing staff will confirm student has declared major in the College of Engineering and Computing before assigning students to a room in the community with fellow Innovation members.

Click or scan the QR code to learn more about the <u>College of Engineering and Computing</u> and <u>Residential Learning</u> Communities Program.





The RLC's Advisory Board is comprised of faculty and staff who are invested in the personal, academic, and professional success of each of our RLC members. The board members interact with students by teaching RLC-designated sections of FYE 1220 and Core 2000, attending social events, coming in as guest speakers, and serving as judges in community competitions. Students in the RLC can expect to take part in the following activities:

- ★ FYE 1220 & CORE 2000 Students will take a special section of FYE 1220 & CORE 2000 together with content focused on the needs of engineering / computing majors.
- ★ Special Events Examples include movie nights, the BUILD Series (community competitions such as the <u>Egg</u> <u>Drop Challenge</u>, Catapult Contest, etc), Major-related Student Organization Fair, and trips to local factories and companies.

Hear From a Peer

Isabella Lozaro, Construction Management Major

"As a resident, the Innovation community is an amazing way to meet people with similar career goals and interests. I met people that I'm still friends with now two years later. It also helped with my professional development with all the different workshops like resume building, the internship/co-op student panel, and the company dinner event just to name a few. I also liked how they pushed us to attend more on-campus events like the career fair and STEM night. I appreciated how involved the RA's were."







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The Lab RLC Learning About Science & Math Together



CAMPUS



Statesboro Campus

HALL



Kennedy Hall

REQUIREMENTS



Science & Mathematics Major



\$20 RLC Activity Fee (per semester)



Enrollment in FYE 1220 in the Fall & Core 2000 in the Spring

ABOUT THE Residential LEARNING COMMUNITY

Sponsored by COSM (the <u>College of Science and Mathematics</u>), this community provides students with supplemental academic support, social programs to reduce stress, professional development workshops, and the ability to form meaningful relationships with faculty, RLC alumni, and their peers. Hear more about Lab RLC experience by <u>watching this video</u>.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students will be able to express interest in joining this community on their housing application. Housing staff will confirm student has a declared major in the College of Science & Mathematics before assigning students to a room in the community with a fellow Lab RLC members.

Click or scan to learn more about the <u>College of Science and</u> <u>Mathematics</u> and the <u>Residential</u> <u>Learning Communities Program</u>.



The LLC's Advisory Board is comprised of faculty and staff from the College of Science and Mathematics and University Housing. Members of the Board are seen in and out of the classroom - whether as an instructor for RLC common courses (FYE 1220 and CORE 2000) or attending social events throughout the year. Some past and potential activities include:

- ★ FYE 1220 Students will take a special section of FYE 1220 together with content focused on the needs of science/mathematic majors.
- ★ CORE 2000 is a required one-hour Institutional Priority course for students who are completing their second semester of collegiate work. RLC members will be enrolled by their FYE Instructor as long as the member maintains active involvement with their Residential Learning Community.
- ★ Special Events Examples include movie nights, group service experiences, Nitrogen Ice Cream Party, excursions to the campus Wildlife Center, Planetarium, & Museum, and the annual end of year celebration.

Hear From a Peer

Melanie Barbret, Biochemistry Major

"I originally joined the Lab RLC because I figured it would look good on a resume, and I hoped it would help me build connections early. After joining, I realized very quickly that the Lab RLC became a safe space for me to have fun while learning with a group of people who were going through the same struggles as me. The community within the RLC was vital to my success as a freshman because not only did I gain friends and good relationships with some of the professors within the department, but it also provided an opportunity to help others after I completed the RLC."



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Vitals RLC <u>The Essentials for Students on the Path of Healthcare</u>



CAMPUS

Armstrong Campus





Windward Commons

REQUIREMENTS



Water's College of Health Professions Major



\$20 RLC Activity Fee (per semester)



Enrollment in FYE 1220 in the Fall & Core 2000 in the Spring

ABOUT THE Residential LEARNING COMMUNITY

Sponsored by the Waters College of Health Professions, this community provides students with supplemental academic support, social programs to reduce stress, professional development workshops, and the ability to form meaningful relationships with faculty, alumni, and their peers.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students will be able to express interest in joining this community on their housing application. Housing staff will confirm student has a declared major in the Waters College of Health Professions before assigning students to a room in the community with fellow Vitals RLC members.

This new RLC's Advisory Board is comprised of faculty and staff from the Waters College of Health Professions and University Housing. Members of the Board are seen in and out of the classroom - whether as an instructor for RLC common courses (FYE 1220 and CORE 2000) or attending social events throughout the year. Future activities include:

- ★ FYE 1220 Students will take a special section of FYE 1220 together with content focused on the needs of future healthcare professionals.
- ★ CORE 2000 is a required one-hour Institutional Priority course for students who are completing their second semester of collegiate work. RLC members will be enrolled by their FYE Instructor as long as the member maintains active involvement with their Residential Learning Community.
- ★ **Special Features** Students will have access to a dedicated group of faculty and staff who are invested in their success.
- ★ Special Events While this is a NEW RLC for Georgia Southern, the advisory board is ready to engage with our future healthcare professionals through opportunities like a Healthcare Career Panel, Graduate and Professional School Prep, Student Wellness Series, major exploration, service and leadership activities, and more!



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Click or scan to learn more about the <u>Waters College of Health Professions</u> and the <u>Residential Learning Communities Program</u>.



ARE YOU READY to SOAR in an RLC?



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