GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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FIND YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

A GUIDE TO TAILORING YOUR RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE AT GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Soar HIGHER IN A RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITY



What is an RLC?

Our staff can help you navigate the transition to college with a supportive, engaging residential experience. By joining a Residential Learning Community (RLC), you will be able to connect with students who share your academic interests, build friendships, engage with faculty and access built-in support through courses, workshops, trips and social events—all while developing academically and personally.

A RESIDENTIAL *Experience* DESIGNED FOR YOU

Residential students who choose an RLC tend to:

- Connect faster with peers, faculty and campus resources
- Find greater academic success
- Enjoy exclusive events and community-specific resources
- Get ahead through community-connected courses (FLYT 1001 & FLYT 1002)
- Connect with upperclassmen, graduate students, alumni, community members and corporate partners



Benefits of RLCs

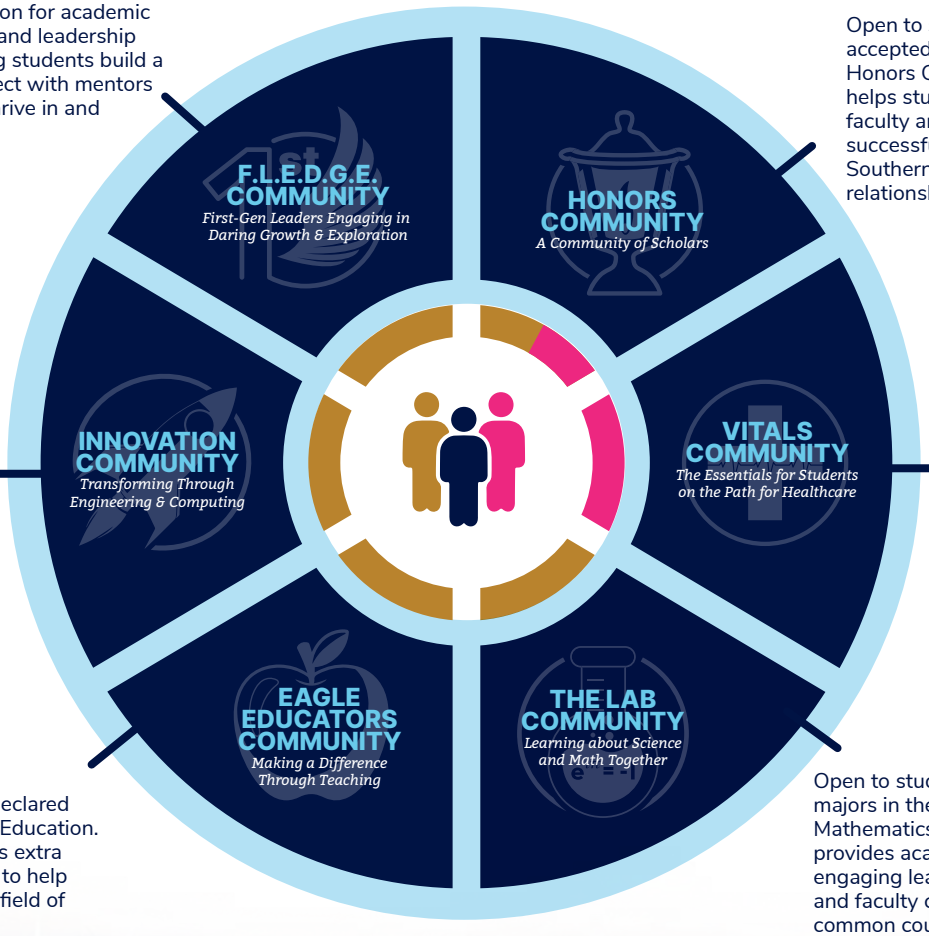
- **A Community of Scholars**
  Live alongside students who share your major, goals and interests, from future professors and engineers to healthcare professionals and leaders.
- **A Collaboration Hub**
  Build connections with peers, faculty, staff, mentors, alumni and professionals across fields of study.
- **Shared Resources & Experiences**
  Access study groups, tutoring, support services, lounges, community events and hands-on programs connected to your field.
- **A Bigger Network**
  Expand your connections beyond your individual RLC through events, networking opportunities and a hall full of students with shared interests.

OUR RESIDENTIAL *Learning* COMMUNITIES

Statesboro Campus
Kennedy Hall

Armstrong Savannah Campus
Windward Commons

Open to students who are the first in their families to attend college. F.L.E.D.G.E. provides a strong foundation for academic success, personal growth and leadership development while helping students build a supportive network, connect with mentors and access resources to thrive in and beyond the classroom.



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

Open to students with declared majors in the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing. This community supports personal, academic and professional success while helping students build a professional network with peers, faculty, alumni and local companies.

Open to students with declared majors in the Waters College of Health Professions. This community helps students explore healthcare opportunities through tailored events with faculty and additional support services.

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

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



RLC Questions & ANSWERS



How do I apply to join an RLC?
After you have been accepted to Georgia Southern, you can start your housing application. Pay the $150 non-refundable fee, then select your preferred RLC and answer a few questions to confirm your interest.

Is there a deadline for joining an RLC?
Because RLC spaces are limited, students are encouraged to apply early. RLC students who complete their applications by April 1 will participate in the early self-selection window from April 27–29. After April, students are assigned based on availability.

Can I choose my room type?
Students can request a room type within their selected RLC. Only room types available within that RLC will be shown, and while we do our best to honor preferences, space is limited.

Can I join an RLC without living in its designated residence hall?
RLC students must live in their community's designated residence hall: Kennedy Hall in Statesboro or Windward Commons on the Savannah Campus.

Can I live with a preferred roommate?
Students are assigned a roommate who is also part of their RLC. Those who have a preferred roommate can request them on the housing application. We recommend that the preferred roommate also applies for the same RLC and meets its requirements.

Can I be in more than one RLC?
Students are asked to choose only one RLC. While most housing events are open to all residents, some events and activities are exclusive to specific communities. Students who need help choosing an RLC can contact University Housing for assistance.

Does the RLC cost extra?
RLC residents pay a $35 activity fee each semester to help fund RLC events, field trips and more. The fee is added to your tuition and fees.

Can I be in the RLC if I don't meet the requirements?
Students must meet the requirements of their selected RLC to be accepted. Until all requirements are met, their RLC status will remain 'pending.' University Housing will communicate updates about your application via email.

How will I be notified that I have been accepted to an RLC?
Once your RLC request is approved, you'll receive a placement notification at your Georgia Southern email address. Be sure to check your email throughout the spring and summer for important move-in information from your RLC.

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

First-Gen Leaders Engaging in Daring Growth & Exploration

Campus
Statesboro

Hall
Kennedy Hall

Requirements
Identifies as a first-generation student

About this community
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Application process
Students can express interest in F.L.E.D.G.E. through their housing application. Housing staff will work with campus partners to confirm eligibility for the community. Students who are selected will be enrolled in FLYT 1001 in the fall and FLYT 1002 in the spring. A $35 RLC Activity Fee is charged each semester.

Am I First-Gen?
Georgia Southern defines a first-generation college student as someone whose parent(s) or guardian(s) did not complete a four-year college or university degree.





Advisory Board
The Advisory Board includes staff from University Housing, Academic Success and Institutional Engagement. They provide support, resources and opportunities to help first-generation students reach their personal and professional goals. Students can look forward to opportunities such as:

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

EAGLE EDUCATORS

Making a Difference Through Teaching

Campus
Statesboro

Hall
Kennedy Hall

Requirements
Declared Education major

About this community
Sponsored by the College of Education, this community helps students adjust to the collegiate environment while exploring the complex needs of the U.S. education system and developing the skills to become culturally responsive educators.

Application process
Students can express interest in the Eagle Educators RLC through their housing application. Housing staff will confirm that students have a declared major in the College of Education before assigning them to the community. Students who are selected will be enrolled in FLYT 1001 in the fall and FLYT 1002 in the spring. A $35 RLC Activity Fee is charged each semester.



Advisory Board
The Advisory Board includes faculty and staff from the College of Education and University Housing. Board members support students personally, academically and professionally through RLC courses, events and opportunities connected to education. Students can look forward to opportunities such as:

- Movie Nights
- Craft Workshops
- Group Service Experiences
- Community Competitions
- Time with Moonpie, the certified therapy goat



Eli Parker | **Health and Physical Education Major (Eagle Educators)**

"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."

HONORS

A Community of Scholars

Campus
Statesboro
Savannah

Hall
Kennedy Hall
Windward Commons

Requirements
Member of the Honors College

About this community
Sponsored by the Honors College, this community gives first-year Honors students opportunities to connect with peers, faculty and alumni through social events, service projects and leadership development workshops. Living alongside like-minded peers also provides an environment that supports academic success and opportunities to build lasting connections.

Application process
Students can express interest in the Honors RLC through their housing application. A $35 RLC Activity Fee is charged each semester and students will have the opportunity to participate in community events throughout the year. Statesboro RLC members will also be enrolled in FLYT 1001 and FLYT 1002.



Advisory Board
The Advisory Board includes staff from University Housing and the Honors College. They provide tailored events and opportunities that foster a community of scholars and support students in reaching their personal and professional goals. Some past and potential activities include:

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

Logan Collins | **Anthropology Major (Honors College)**

"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."



INNOVATION

Transforming Through Engineering & Computing

Campus
Statesboro

Hall
Kennedy Hall

Requirements

Declared major in the Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing

About this community

Sponsored by the College of Engineering and Computing, this community provides academic support, professional development workshops and opportunities to connect with faculty, alumni and local employers. Students can also participate in community events and socials to build friendships and professional connections.

Application process

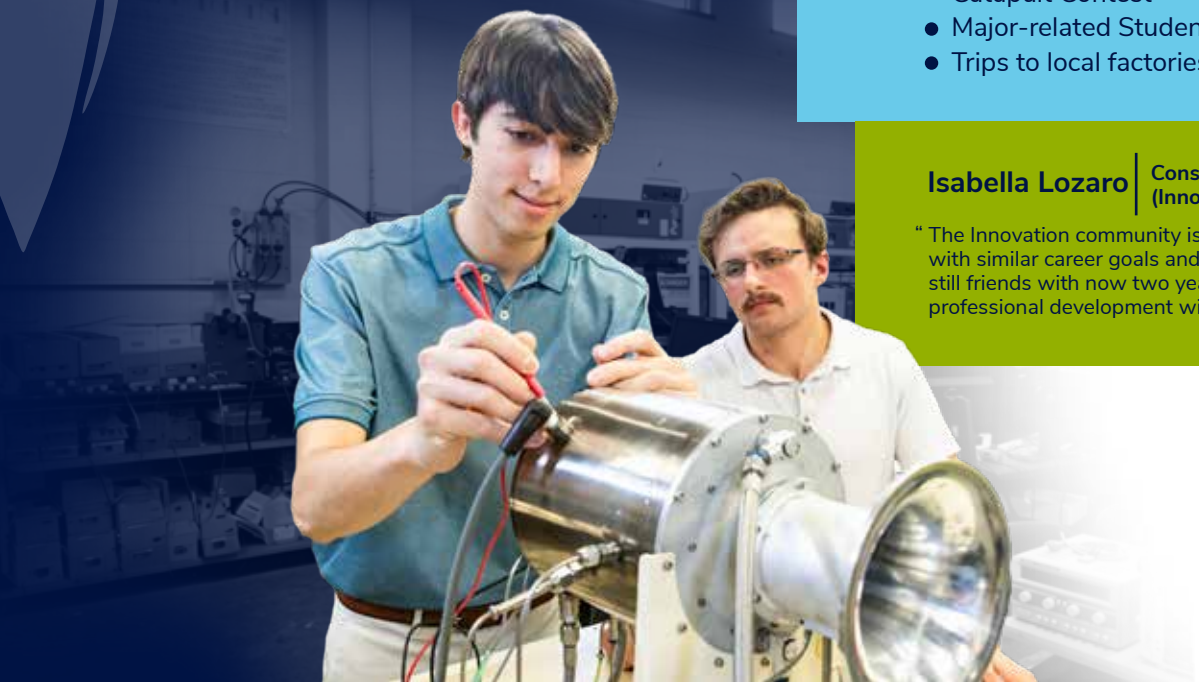
Students can express interest in the Innovation RLC through their housing application. Housing staff will confirm that students have a declared major in the College of Engineering and Computing before assigning them to the community. Students who are selected will be enrolled in FLYT 1001 and FLYT 1002 in an RLC section. A $35 RLC Activity Fee is charged each semester and students participate in community activities throughout the year.



Advisory Board

The Advisory Board includes faculty and staff who support the personal, academic and professional success of RLC members. Board members connect with students through RLC courses, guest speakers, social events and community competitions. Some past and potential activities include:

- Movie Nights
- Egg Drop Challenge
- Catapult Contest
- Major-related Student Organization Fair
- Trips to local factories and companies



Isabella Lozaro | **Construction Management Major (Innovation)**

" 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."

THE LAB

Learning about Science and Math Together

Campus
Statesboro

Hall
Kennedy Hall

Requirements
Declared major in the College of Science and Mathematics (COSM)

About this community
Sponsored by COSM, this community provides supplemental academic support, social programs, professional development workshops and opportunities to connect with faculty, RLC alumni and peers. Students can also participate in community events and activities while building friendships and professional connections.

Application process
Students can express interest in the Lab RLC through their housing application. Housing staff will confirm that students have a declared major in the College of Science & Mathematics before assigning them to the community. Students who are selected will be enrolled in FLYT 1001 in the fall and FLYT 1002 in the spring. A $35 RLC Activity Fee is charged each semester, and students participate in community activities throughout the year.





Advisory Board
The RLC's Advisory Board includes faculty and staff from the College of Science & Mathematics and University Housing. Board members support students in and out of the classroom by teaching RLC common courses, attending social events and providing additional opportunities throughout the year. Some past and potential activities include:

- FLYT 1001 & FLYT 1002
- Movie Nights
- Group Service Experiences
- A Nitrogen Ice Cream Party
- Excursions to the Campus Wildlife Center, Planetarium and Museum
- End-of-the-year celebration

Melanie Barbret | **Biochemistry Major (Lab)**

"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."

VITALS

The Essentials for Students on the Path for Healthcare

Campus
Savannah

Hall
Windward Commons

Requirements
Declared major in the Waters College of Health Professions

About this community
Sponsored by the Waters College of Health Professions, this community provides supplemental academic support, social programs, professional development opportunities and ways to connect with faculty, alumni and peers. Students can also participate in community events and activities while building friendships and professional connections.

Application process
Students can express interest in the Vitals RLC through their housing application. Housing staff will confirm that students have a declared major in the Waters College of Health Professions before assigning them to the community. Students who are selected will be enrolled in FLYT 1001 and FLYT 1002 in an RLC section. A $35 RLC Activity Fee is charged each semester and students participate in community activities throughout the year.



Advisory Board
The RLC's Advisory Board includes faculty and staff from the Waters College of Health Professions and University Housing. Board members support students in and out of the classroom by teaching common courses, attending social events and providing additional opportunities throughout the year. Some past and potential activities include:

- FLYT 1001 and FLYT 1002
- Healthcare Career Panel
- Graduate and Professional School Prep
- Student Wellness Series
- Major Exploration
- Leadership Activities





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