



UNIVERSITY HOUSING

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Dear University of Iowa faculty members,

It is with great pleasure that University Housing introduces the *2008-2009 Call for Programs*. With the assistance of the Office of the Provost we are inviting all faculty members to participate in educational and social programming in the residence halls to enhance connections with students on a personal level in the residential setting.

The goal of this initiative is to encourage face-to-face interaction between faculty and students out of the classroom. The activity (which could be a slideshow, a walk around campus, teaching a skill, tour of a laboratory, watching a movie, attending a concert, presenting current research, or just playing board games with students) would occur in the residence halls on campus or at other locations with residence hall students invited to attend. Don't worry, if you volunteer we will make sure you have a contact person and know where to go in the residence halls. The program can be as short or as long as you desire. (Typical length is 45 minutes-1 hour.)

This is a volunteer opportunity, which has a minimal time commitment, offers direct informal and personal interactions with students, promotes student success through faculty and university connections, and allows for faculty to share their research or scholarly work, skills, passions, or hobby with students outside the classroom. Past examples from this year included performances from Music department, movie nights and discussion from CLAS faculty, local election debates, dinner with Engineering faculty, and tours of laboratories with College of Medicine faculty.

The *2008-2009 Call for Programs* is coordinated through the Office of Residence Life; where student staff members and residence hall leaders submit requests for programs. The Office of Residence Life would then contact you and arrange a time and date that best fits your schedule and coordinate supplies or equipment as needed for the program. We are cognizant of your many time commitments and therefore monitor the number of times your program is requested. In addition, we would be delighted to recognize your commitment to student success and offer documentation of your volunteer service as requested.

The on-line submission form can be found at: <http://housing.uiowa.edu/rain/forms/hsg-callforprograms.pdf>. We ask that you complete the form by Wednesday, April 30, 2008. The website will remain open and active should you choose to add more programs as we prepare the information for our student staff over the summer months. By all means, please spread the word to your colleagues as we encourage collaboration throughout campus.

In advance, thank you for participating in this initiative to enhance student success on campus. To learn more about Academic Initiatives and/or Living-Learning Communities in the residence halls, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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