

2020-2021 MULTIFAITH STUDENT COUNCIL

The University of Richmond's Office of the Chaplaincy is currently seeking individuals to serve on the Multifaith Student Council for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The Chaplaincy established a Multifaith Student Council (MFSC) in 2011 as a key part of ongoing initiatives to cultivate conversations across lines of religious difference on campus and beyond. MFSC has taken various forms and experimented with different programming under the mission to bring to the forefront of campus life the most inspiring and challenging issues that students face at the intersection of faith and society. Perhaps the most successful and longest lasting core program, the weekly Multifaith Dinner and Discussions are open to students of all faith backgrounds and have provided a space for dialogue on faith in relation to current events and the ethical challenges of this age that cut across religious difference. Discussions are held every Tuesday from 6-6:45 p.m. in the Wilton Center.

MFSC members will have the opportunity to attend leadership conferences and represent the Office of the Chaplaincy in the larger University community.

Responsibilities

The Multifaith Student Council seeks to appoint new members for the upcoming year. These diverse student leaders will be responsible for providing input on and supporting the Chaplaincy's numerous multifaith initiatives. The MFSC consists of 5-8 members, and is open to students of all faith backgrounds - including those of no faith background.

In addition to representing the Chaplaincy as a whole, each MFSC member will serve in one of three primary roles:

- 1) **Multifaith Dinner and Discussions** - With input from the Office of the Chaplaincy and other MFSC members, leaders in this role help to determine the weekly Multifaith Dinner and Discussion topics, spend time developing stimulating conversation questions, and guide the weekly programs. All MFSC members are encouraged to attend these discussions and lead a conversation once per semester, but leaders in this role will coordinate those efforts.
- 2) **Volunteer Opportunities and Special Events** - In coordination with the Office of the Chaplaincy and other MFSC members, leaders in this role help to organize the major volunteer opportunities and special events each year. Ideally, the MFSC will plan 1-2 large scale events each semester. These will include, but are not limited to, service project like the Rise Against Hunger food packaging event and the Celebration of Gratitude.
- 3) **Outreach and Publicity** – In coordination with the Office of the Chaplaincy and other MFSC members, leaders in this role are primarily responsible for publicizing MFSC and Chaplaincy events, networking with students and organizations to reach a broader audience, creating new methods of effective outreach, and representing the Chaplaincy as student leaders when necessary.

Below are the expectations for all who are selected to serve on the Multifaith Student Council:

- 1) Attendance at monthly MFSC meetings
- 2) Attendance at any scheduled discussions, community events, and service opportunities scheduled by the MFSC and Office of the Chaplaincy as available.
- 3) Helpful participation and contribution to MFSC meetings
- 4) Enthusiastic support for the concept of interfaith leadership and a willingness to develop your own skills and nurture those of others in this area
- 5) A commitment to established discussion guidelines (attached to this application);
- 6) Timeliness and effectiveness in fulfilling your assignments as a member of MFSC, and regular communication with MFSC members (including chaplaincy staff liaison).

Contacts

If you have questions about serving on the team, the selection process, or the application, you may contact [Josh Jeffreys](#), Jewish Chaplain and Director of Religious Life. Interested students can also contact current MFSC members.

2020-2021 Multifaith Student Council Application

Please type your responses to the following questions in a Word document and submit them as an attachment via email to Josh Jeffreys by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 22.

1. Please explain your interest in serving on the Multifaith Student Council.
2. Please rank your interest in serving in the three different Multifaith Student Council roles, and explain your interest in the first choice.
3. What other significant time commitments do you anticipate having during the 2019-2020 academic year?
4. Have you applied to study abroad during the 2020-2021 academic year? (Please note: Studying abroad for a semester will not affect your selection to the team.)
5. Is there anything else you would like to share with us as part of the application process?

2020-2021 Multifaith Student Council Selection Process

February 25-March 22: Application period (March 22 at 11:59 p.m. – deadline to submit)

March 23-25: Review of applications and selection of new members

March 25: Notification of applicants

Week of March 30: Full Multifaith Student Council meeting (current and new members)