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SUBJECT: 2025-2026 Faculty-in-Residence Program

The Dean of Students' Office and Residence Life are seeking faculty members interested in appointment to the Faculty-in-Residence (FIR) Program for the 2025-2026 academic year. Faculty members are eligible to apply to the FIR program if they are full-time at the senior lecturer rank or above and have at least two years of experience at Boston University. The deadline for applying is Friday, March 14, 2025, at 11:59 pm.

The FIR program operates under the auspices of the Dean of Students' Office and Residence Life and works to increase the impact of teaching and research through faculty-undergraduate residential interactions. Established in 1974, the program originally aimed to foster informal student-faculty connections outside the classroom. Today, FIR faculty are uniquely positioned to lead innovative, collaborative efforts that align with Boston University's mission. They unlock meaningful, distinctive experiences for undergraduates, key to a BU residential education. The FIR program expands the Boston University classroom by providing a residential experience that is connected, interdisciplinary, innovative, and meaningful. Toward this end, FIRs are in place to:

- Serve as role models, resources, and advocates for the students with whom they live and learn;
- Cultivate interactions with undergraduates that empower students to grow, develop, and refine their values;
- Integrate curricular and co-curricular activities across the University's schools and programs;
- Blaze trails toward the synthesis of knowledge and experience that are provocative, innovative, and collaborative.

FIR Open Houses are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 4, from 3-5 pm at 610 Beacon Street
- Monday, March 24, from 3-5 pm at 115 Bay State Road, Apt. 2

By attending a FIR open house, prospective FIR applicants can meet current FIRs and Residence Life staff, learn about the FIR program, and tour a FIR apartment. To RSVP for a FIR open house, please [fill out this form](#).

To apply for the FIR program, please submit the following to via the application link below:

1. The [2025-2026 Faculty-in-Residence application](#)
2. A cover letter declaring your interest in the program, addressed to Maggie Sawada, interim associate director of residence life for student and staff development
3. A curriculum vitae or résumé
4. A letter of recommendation and support from the dean of your school/college sent via email to reslife@bu.edu

Faculty members selected to participate in the program receive an on-campus apartment, a partial dining plan, programming budget, and, most importantly, the opportunity to fully contribute to the lives of students outside the classroom. Some non-academic and residential policies apply. Most FIR units are one-bedroom apartments in residence halls. For more info, please attend a FIR open house, or contact the staff at Residence Life at reslife@bu.edu.