



Micro-Community Grant Program at the Pres House Apartments

You are invited to take your living experience to a new level as part of a Micro-Community @ ph Apartments!

Pres House Apartments is home to approximately 250 students from diverse backgrounds in a beautiful facility located in the heart of the UW Madison campus. The values grounding the PH Apartment residential community are:

***Academic Success *Personal Responsibility *Community *Spiritual Exploration**

Purpose:

The Micro-Community Grant Program is an exciting program that provides support for students to develop and experience intentional and purposeful living in micro-communities organized around a meaningful focus. Students plan, propose and lead the activities outlined in their grant application.

Micro-Community Focus Ideas:

Pres House is interested in supporting groups of students interested in living, learning and serving in some of the following ways. This list is not exhaustive and other ideas are encouraged. Creativity is welcome!

- A group focused on promoting global citizenship through appreciation of cultures, global economic and environmental realities, and cross-cultural communication.
- A group whose members live together and explore controversial social topics in light of moral, ethical or religious values and commitments.
- A group focused on learning and doing something about a pressing issue such as human trafficking, the incarceration industry, climate change, or homelessness in Madison.
- Your own idea of a living/learning/service community that develops deep and meaningful relationships within the group and meets a need on campus, in the wider community, or in the world.

Support from Pres House:

Participants in the Micro-Community will receive a rent credit scholarship from Pres House. Pres House will also provide some program support from the Director of Residential Community, although the impetus for the community will be primarily in the hands of the group itself. A proposal may request up to \$1000 program support funds for travel, supplies, special meals, speaker fees, or other program expenses. Each group member must participate in all aspects of the proposed program in order to continue to receive the rent credit scholarship throughout the year.

How to apply and timeline:

Applications are available beginning October 1st. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with only 1-2 projects being funded each year. Interviews will be conducted as applications are received. ph Apartments hopes to finalize Micro-community groups by the end of fall semester each year. Those who are interested in the Pres House Scholars Program may apply for both programs and the application for the PH Apartment Scholars Program will be held until a decision is made about the micro-community grant. Residents cannot be a part of both programs at the same time. Every micro-community group member must sign a lease in the Pres House Apartments within 2 weeks of the grant being awarded. Students are responsible for arranging their own apartment lease at ph Apartment.

Make-up of an intentional community group:

Groups may be from 4 to 8 people in size. Group members typically live in a shared apartment, although they can include 1-2 members living in another ph Apartment space. All group members must live at Pres House Apartments. Applicants may talk with the Leasing Manager about apartment configuration options before settling on your group if you all want to live in the same apartment unit as there are many different unit configurations. **You may sign a group lease in advance of being accepted as a micro-community as long as you understand that there is no guarantee your application will be approved.** You can make your group open to additional members if you should chose to do so (for example: 4 people apply for the grant and are open to 2-4 more people joining the micro-community for the same purpose). All group members must be students at UW-Madison and not on academic probation.

The ideal grant proposal will:

- State a clear and meaningful purpose for the intentional micro-community being proposed.
- Include programs and activities that will:
 1. develop community among micro-community residents;
 2. provide opportunities for others living in the Pres House Apartments to engage in your interest and/or project;
 3. educate, engage, inspire or meet some need of the campus and/or surrounding community.
- Be clearly thought out and well-articulated. The complete proposal should be longer than two pages, but no more than 10 pages.
- Include a comprehensive budget for planning purposes.
- Include a plan to evaluate and report on the progress of the micro-community.
- Demonstrate that connections have already been made with outside groups/advisors and others as needed for the proposal.
- Identify leader or co-leaders for the micro-community.

II. PURPOSE

A. Overview. In describing your purpose, please answer the following questions in a separate document: (Please keep to no more than 4 pages)

1. What need(s) in the UW, Madison and/or global community does your project address?
2. What are the goals of your micro-community project?
3. How will you work together during the year? What process has the group used to select members?
4. What mechanisms do you have in place for holding individuals accountable to their commitments? How do you propose evaluating the effectiveness of your micro-community and reporting on progress throughout the year?
5. Do you anticipate any expenses associated with the project beyond those in the budget section below? How do you propose to raise and/or obtain this funding?
5. What other organizations – including student organizations – do you anticipate working with to implement your project (e.g. Morgridge Center, Dean of Students, non-UW organizations – like American Cancer Society, etc.)?

B. Specific Events, Activities and Programming in the Micro-Community: (Include all activities you are planning. Include activities your micro-community members will do together, will do to engage the larger community at PH Apartments, and engage the campus or wider Madison area. Example may include: daily spiritual practices, weekly apartment meals, special events or service projects for the building and/or campus, forums/lectures/guest speakers open to all, trips and field trips, etc. Use additional pages if necessary.)

Fall Semester:

Spring Semester:

Summer:

III. STAFF RESOURCES

A. What support do you anticipate wanting from the Director of the Residential Community and other Pres House staff?

IV. BUDGET

A. Standard rent reduction. All micro-community members receive a \$75 rent scholarship each applied to their lease (individual or group). An additional rent credit will be applied for micro-community student leader.

Name	Standard Rent	Discount
TOTAL		

B. Other. Identify specific expenditures for which you are requesting coverage, including the estimated amount and rationale.

	Expense/Program/Activity/Etc.	Cost
TOTAL		

Agreement:

I (each micro-community member must sign below) agree to actively support the proposed micro-community at the Pres House Apartment with my time, energy, and interest. In addition I agree to attend ALL Micro-Community events and activities and support our group in fulfilling our micro-community purpose. I understand that I will be asked to provide regular reporting to the Pres House staff on the activities our micro-community so that we can receive support, encouragement and accountability throughout the year. I understand that if I fail to meet these criteria I will forfeit my rent credit in the Pres House Apartments and will still be responsible for the entirety of my lease at the normal rental rate. I understand that I must also abide by all regulations in the PH Apartment lease and if I am found in violation of lease regulations I forfeit my scholarship. I understand I must sign a standard 12 month individual lease at the Pres House Apartments within 15 days of acceptance of this application otherwise I will lose my spot.

Signature

Printed Name

Date
