

Theme House Residential Fellow Agreement

For years Bates has offered the opportunity for students to engage in theme house living, in which students propose a topic for a compelling living-learning environment. Approved proposals are assigned a residential building in which the students reside for the year to explore the chosen topic in depth. In Theme Houses, students espouse to live the experience of their theme in practical terms, with an expectation of sponsoring events to share their knowledge so that the entire community can benefit. Student proposals for Theme Houses are required to have a faculty or staff liaison, to lend expertise to the topic and help guide the work of the students in the house. We want to thank you in advance for your support of our residential communities, and we welcome your input as we strengthen this vital partnership.

As a Theme House Residential Fellow, we ask that you consider the following responsibilities:

- 1) The Residential Fellow will have an initial meeting with the Theme House Coordinators to select a theme of interest to both parties and to create a summary of how the house will actively collaborate with the Residential Fellow and the broader Bates community.
- 2) The Residential Fellow will need to meet with all students approved to be in the house as a group or individually before the Theme House Coordinators submit their names to the Office of Residence Life and Health Education. The purpose of this meeting is to confirm the serious intent of each student to live according to the theme.
- 3) The Residential Fellow is responsible for holding a minimum of two meetings per semester with the Theme House Coordinators and one meeting per semester with the house. During the first meeting, the Residential Fellow and the Theme Coordinators should create a meeting schedule for the academic year. The purpose of these meetings will be to create an intentional programming schedule for the house as well as building relationships with the house's residents.
- 4) The Residential Fellow will work with Theme House Coordinators to develop the leadership skills necessary for the house and the theme to be successful.

Agreement:

By signing this form, I acknowledge I am volunteering to be the Residential Fellow for

Theme House

Residential Fellow signature:

(Typed name is acceptable if submitted from Residential Fellow's email.)