Dear Prospective Counselor:

The Purdue University Gifted Education Resource Institute’s 2017 GERI Summer Residential Camp is seeking enthusiastic people who would like to be residential camp counselors for gifted students. The GERI camp counselor team has included Purdue undergraduate and graduate students, classroom teachers, school counselors, and others who enjoy working with gifted youth.

GERI offers summer courses for students in grades 5-12 who rank in the top ten percent of their age group. The GERI SRES counselors are the primary adult support that our kids have while on campus. Counselors are integral component of our camp and to building a sense of community within it. This work is stimulating, challenging, rewarding, and provides a unique opportunity to gain experience interacting with gifted students. The live-in setting also provides a rich environment for developing interpersonal skills and exploring self-growth.

Camp counselors earn a base salary of $525 per week and $25 extra for every year of experience, $50 extra for the counselor training experience, and $100 extra if they hold a counselor license. Free room and board during the program is also provided. All counseling positions begin with training sessions on the Friday before the program (June 30, 2017) starts and end when the last student in your counseling group leaves for home, around 1 p.m. on the final Saturday.

We look forward to receiving your application. Please return it to the GERI Summer Camps, Purdue University, Beering Hall, 100 N. University St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2098, by fax to (765) 496-2706 or email to fparrama@purdue.edu. For additional information on our programs, you can check our web site at www.purdue.edu/geri, call our office at (765) 494-7241 or email fparrama@purdue.edu. Purdue University is an equal opportunity employer.

Sincerely,

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## Residential Counselor Responsibilities

### Tentative Daily Schedule

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<th>Counselor Task/Role</th>
<th>Comet (grades 5-6)</th>
<th>Star (grades 7-8)</th>
<th>Pulsar (grades 9-12)</th>
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<td>Wake up and eat breakfast with participants</td>
<td>7:00 - 8:15</td>
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<td>Planning Meeting</td>
<td>9:30-11:00</td>
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<td>Eat lunch with participants and be available as needed</td>
<td>11:15 - 12:15</td>
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<td>Affective curriculum debriefing</td>
<td>1:30-2:30 (two times)</td>
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<td>Supervise recreation and tour activities</td>
<td>3:30 - 5:00</td>
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<td>Eat dinner with participants and supervise free time</td>
<td>5:00 - 6:15</td>
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<td>Facilitate affective curriculum in small group</td>
<td>6:30-7:30 (3 times)</td>
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<td>Hold counseling group meetings, be available to help</td>
<td>8:00 - 10:15</td>
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<td>with homework, check each student at lights-out</td>
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*on-site training on June 30 (start from 4PM) and on July, 1 (whole day).

**Please note that this schedule is subject to change.** All counselors will need to make themselves available to assist with classes and perform other duties as assigned. Star and Pulsar counselors will be required to accompany students on full-day program field trips. Each counselor will have specific evenings when they must stay on the residence hall floor after lights out in case there is a problem during the night. List any potential conflicts on your application so they can be considered during the hiring process.

### Honoraria

Residential counselors will receive room and board while the program is in session and salary of $525 per week with an additional $25 for each year of service in our program, $50 extra for the counselor training experience, and $100 extra for the counselor license.
Purdue Summer Residential Programs
2016 Residential Counselor Application

Name: ___________________________ PUID # (if applicable) _______ - _______ - _______

Address #1: _____________________________
      (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Dates address #1 is valid: ______________________  Home Phone #1: (____) ______ - _______

Address #2: _____________________________
      (Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Dates address #2 is valid: ______________________  Home Phone #2: (____) ______ - _______

Work Phone: (____) ______ - ______  e-mail address (please print clearly): _________________________

Gender: F_____   M_____

Purdue University Status: Please check all that apply.
       _____ I am currently neither a student nor a faculty/staff member at Purdue University
       _____ I am currently a student at Purdue
              _____ graduate student       or       _____ undergraduate
              _____ full time       or       _____ part time
       _____ I currently work at Purdue
              _____ full time       or       _____ part time: _____ FTE/%

Staff Type:
       _____ faculty
       _____ graduate assistant
       _____ administrative/professional
       _____ other: _______________________

Appointment Type:
       _____ fiscal year (12 month)
       _____ academic year (10 month)
       _____ biweekly
       _____ other: _______________________

Educational Background:

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Work Experience (list most recent position first; include both paid and volunteer positions):

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Program Preferences: Check the all program(s) in which you would be willing to work. If you check multiple programs during the same week, please number the programs in order of preference. Dates are the days when the program is in session; counselors must report for training the day before each program begins.

[  ] Star I (2 weeks)       July 3 – July 16
[  ] Pulsar I (2 weeks)     July 3 – July 16
[  ] Star II (2 weeks)      July 17 – July 30
[  ] Pulsar II (2 weeks)    July 17 – July 30
[  ] Comet I (1 week)       July 3 – July 9
[  ] Comet II (1 week)      July 10 – July 16
**Scheduling Conflicts:**
List times and days of courses or other activities that could impact your summer program responsibilities:

**Background Information:**
Please describe your current occupation. If you are a student, list degree program and year in school:

Previous experience with programs sponsored by the Gifted Education Resource Institute:

Previous experience with gifted students (if you never worked with gifted students, describe your previous experience with regular adolescents):

Relevant training or experiences in group activities or group counseling:

Hobbies that you might be willing to share with participants:

Personal goals that you have for your time as a staff member:

*Application Continues on Next Page*
References:
List two references, including at least one person who has seen you work with children or who knows you well.

Name: ___________________________________________________ Phone: (   ) _______ - _______

How does the individual know you? _____________________________________________________________

Name: ___________________________________________________ Phone: (   ) _______ - _______

How does the individual know you? _____________________________________________________________

Counselor Duties and Expectations:

Residential Counselors will:
1. Review the staff manual and incorporate the concepts of working with gifted students in daily interactions. The manual is provided to all staff.
2. Participate in activity planning and affective curriculum debriefing.
3. Supervise all meals and extracurricular activities during the afternoon and early evening.
4. Serve as the primary residential staff contact for a group of 10 to 16 students (depending on age) for the length of the program.
5. Interact daily with each student while in the program and be available for personal and academic assistance to students.
6. Conduct group or floor meetings as needed.
7. Be actively involved with students during scheduled hours and stay each night in the residence hall.
8. Carry out duties assigned by the director.
9. Respond to parental requests and questions during the program. Be available to parents on check-in day and on the final day of the program to discuss their children.
10. Document incidents involving students and their parents on the appropriate forms provided by the director and return all forms and comments to the director by the end of the program.
11. Other duties as assigned.

General Expectations:
1. Arrive on your contracted start date at the specified location and time.
2. Attend all designated orientation sessions.
3. Sleep in assigned dorm room each night. You may not leave at night unless approved by the coordinator.
4. Refrain from the following behaviors:
   • Consumption of alcoholic beverages at any time while you are employed by the program.
   • Returning to campus in an inebriated condition.
   • Hosting overnight guests in the residence hall.
   • Use of inappropriate language, including profanity, racial, ethnic, religious, and gender stereotyping, etc.
   • Being on residence hall floors housing students of the opposite gender or having guests of the opposite gender on your floor without a compelling reason related to your official job duties.
   • Discussing situations regarding students or staff with any other student or with staff who do not have a need to know.
5. Maintain professional relationships with staff and students at all times.

Violations of these duties and expectations will result in sanctions, up to and including dismissal.

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Background Check and Verification:
Have you ever been convicted of a crime?  (Include court-martial convictions and sex offender crimes against minors under the age of 18, but exclude minor traffic violations.)

☐ Yes  ☐ No  If yes, list date, charge, place, court and action taken:

A prior conviction does not necessarily mean that you cannot be employed.  I understand that employment in certain jobs is conditional upon a review of criminal conviction records.  I authorize the University to request and obtain, through police agencies, an investigation and report to determine the accuracy of my above answers as to prior criminal convictions, if any.  I also understand that any false statement by me in this application or failure to give any material information requested will be cause for my rejection or dismissal. In addition, I have read the above Duties and Expectations and agree to abide by all requirements therein.

Date of Birth:  ____________________________  Race:  ____________________________

Your signature:___________________________________________  Date:_________________

Return Completed Application To:  GERI Summer Camps, Purdue University, Beering Hall, 100 N. University St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-1446 or fax to (765) 496-2706.  If you have questions, please email fparrama@purdue.edu or call (765) 494-7241.  Purdue University is an Equal Access/Equal Opportunity University

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