

Wartburg College Housing Proposal Löhe Hall 2007-2008

The following may aid in your group's preparation of an Educational Interest Group application for Löhe Hall. There is a notebook containing exemplary proposals from past years, which can be viewed in the Student Life Office.

Mission: Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.

Vision: Wartburg, as a community of faith and learning, helps students discover and claim their callings - connecting their learning and faith values, their understanding of themselves and their gifts, their perspective on life and the future, and the opportunities for participating in church, community, and the larger society in purposeful and meaningful ways.

Educational Interest Groups can be almost anything imaginable but must be tied in some meaningful fashion to the college's educational mission and vision. Along with a commitment to the academic mission, groups should come together around some common interest or theme. This might include an academic commonality, vocational goal, or some unique shared interest or life experience such as cross-cultural experiences or immersions, leadership development interest and participation. While sharing space with friends is important, it is our additional expectation that the daily interactions and the interpersonal relationships of the group's members will enhance their educational experience. It will also be important to show how members of each group will benefit from involvement in the suite. It is expected that the group's efforts begin Fall Term and will embrace their goals for the entire academic year.

It is essential that each group have an advisor or mentor. A group's advisor/mentor should assist you in stimulating thinking about the implementation of and demonstration of progress toward your interest area through the year. Your advisor should have a thorough understanding of your educational interest area and regular contact with members of the group. The advisor's role with the group should be outlined in your proposal and your advisor should sign the advisor sheet included in this packet.

Each group must also designate a member of the suite to be a Suite Representative. The role of this person is to be the suite member who receives information directly and is responsible for passing the information on to the rest of the suite members and for keeping the RHD abreast of any information that the suite may need to pass on to us.

Since Educational Interest Group housing proposals will be up for review and renewal each year, it will be important for the group to assess and report on how members have grown through participation. Groups selected for Löhe Hall will be required to do several tasks throughout the year. Some of the tasks include:

- Making a collage or some other visual demonstration
- Short essays throughout the year
- A written evaluation each term
- A presentation at the end of the year
- Evaluation from advisor

A committee made up of students, faculty and staff will evaluate proposals. Selection for inclusion in Löhe Hall will be made using only the written proposal for new proposals. A combination of the written proposal and evaluation of the previous year will be used for the selection of renewal proposals. **The committee will look for a well thought out and complete description of the Interest Group and the outcomes to be gained by its members. Keep in mind that the main focus of the proposal should be the learning from and/or with each other and not service (though service can be a part of the group's learning). The greater the detail in the group's written proposal, the better the chances for inclusion in interest housing suites.**

Löhe Hall proposals are due **by Tuesday, March 20th by 5:00PM**. Decisions about which groups have been selected for theme housing will be made by **Wednesday, March 28th** and distributed to the suite representative's campus box. Groups not selected for inclusion in Löhe Hall will still have an opportunity to go through the regular room draw process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I would be more than willing to discuss ideas or to answer questions. If you or you and some friends would like to meet with me, please schedule a meeting via e-mail allison-juhl@wartburg.edu or at extension 8577.

Thank you for your time and interest!
Good Luck!

Allison Juhl
Löhe Hall Director

Löhe Hall Guidelines 2007-2008

The underlying philosophy of the Educational Interest Group option in Löhe Hall is that of a living/learning environment, one in which residents come together as a community of scholars in a setting that provides and promotes both personal and intellectual awareness and growth. Factors and information your group will want to consider as you plan your proposal for Löhe Hall:

# of People per suite	# of Suites available
3	3
4	27
6	6
8	1

The committee will select exemplary proposals that demonstrate sustained motivation, tolerance, respect, and exposure to the unfamiliar all within a commitment to the chosen theme. After selection and announcements are made, Residence Life will host a separate housing sign up for Löhe Hall.

Please respond to the following questions in your group's written proposal. Using headings before answering each question will help the reader understand the organizational flow of the proposal. Please remember to answer each question completely. Proposals should be 3-6 pages.

Cover Page:

1. The title of your Interest Group Proposal
2. The names of your group members
3. The name of your faculty advisor or mentor
4. The suite representative, and his/her mailbox number

Proposal (Include Headings for Each Question):

1. What Educational Interest is your group organizing around?
2. How will each member benefit from involvement in the group?
3. How will this Interest Grouping enhance the academic experience of the members?
4. How is this Interest Grouping tied to the Wartburg's educational mission and vision
5. List what outcomes will be achieved as a result of coming together and living around your theme?
6. How might others know that your group's goals are being met?
7. What is the timeline or milestones for your group?
8. Who will be an advisor to your group and what role will he/she play?

Advisor Agreement

You must include an advisor signature to the advisor's agreement and attach it to the end of your proposal to ensure your advisor is fully aware of what you hope to accomplish with his/her guidance.

Additionally, if you are renewing your proposal:

1. How has your suite benefited the Löhe Hall community?
2. What have you learned this year as suite members?
3. What went well and what were some challenges?
4. How are you going to build upon that experience, if continuing with the same theme?

Please include any additional information that you feel will assist the committee in considering your proposal more fully.

**PLEASE RETURN TO
STUDENT LIFE OFFICE
BY TUESDAY, MARCH 20th BY 5:00PM**

Löhe Hall Advisor Agreement 2007-2008

The group members and I have discussed in detail my role and how the group will utilize me throughout their project. I am willing to advise/mentor this group of students for the 2007-2008 academic year. I know that it is the group's responsibility to maintain contact and to schedule meetings with me throughout the year.

Advisor Signature _____

I prefer to be contacted via: _____

(Please detach & attach top part to proposal and give the bottom to your advisor)

Advisor:

Thank-you for your commitment to the educational initiative of a potential Löhe Hall suite. If have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at allison.juhl@wartburg.edu or extension 8577.

Thanks!!

Allison Juhl