

TMU Student Leadership Opportunities: Overview and Guidelines

What are the reasons to get involved?

We seek to identify and invest in students who are pursuing biblical living among their peers to the praise of the Master. This pursuit is guided by four core Distinctives:

Divine Authority Transformation Relationships Witness

We are not looking for perfect people, but Spirit-empowered students that are striving towards the character and competencies of a biblical leader that is...

EMPOWERED THROUGH GOD'S GRACE
LEARNED THROUGH EXPERIENCE
INFLUENTIAL THROUGH EXAMPLE
INSPIRED THROUGH COLLABORATIVE
RELATIONSHIPS

DEVELOPED THROUGH STAFF INVESTMENT
REFINED THROUGH REFLECTION
SUCCESSFUL THROUGH FAITHFULNESS
ADVANCES THE KINGDOM THROUGH DISCIPLES

Through experience and fellowship we desire every student to be able to:

- Analyze the development of life skills, academic achievement, and spiritual growth.
- Exemplify the essential qualities of servant leadership.
- Lead a group of peers through the logistical, educational, physical and spiritual preparations for interactive participation in TMU events and activities.
- Interact effectively with people from diverse backgrounds in harmony with our biblical commitments.
- Growing ability to disciple through problem solving, interpersonal conflict, and spiritual development among their peers.
- Execute TMU Emergency Response Protocols.
- Exhibit leadership within the local church.

What are the *Responsibilities* of a TMU student leader?

Leaders lead by example. The students primary responsibility is seeking an exemplary pursuit to walk worthy of the Christian calling to which they have been called in humility and gentleness (Col 1:10; Eph 4:1; I Thess 2:12).

Responsibilities are given within the context of specific campus programs (Resident Halls and Outreach). Each ministry is overseen by a Student Care staff member who gives relevant training, encouragement, and accountability to the student leader under their care. Individual training and events are communicated by the Student Care Staff member and highlighted on the FAQ section of the Student Life webpage.

Student leaders are active participants in residence halls and campus wide events. These opportunities give the student a wider scope of responsibility, experience, influence, interpersonal relationships, and training. We encourage student leaders to participate in as many activities as their availability allows. Student leaders are expected to participate in the following activities:

- Participating in Student Leadership Training and Accountability

Events:

Sunday Training Meetings 8:00-10:00pm @ EHC 100 (9/16, 10/21, 12/2, 3/24, 4/28: Mega Mtg)

Accountability:

If at any time you feel that you are unable to fulfill your student leadership commitment, approach your RD & Staff Member; together there will be a process of evaluation and assessment to determine what your continuing status should be.

If at any time you are not fulfilling your responsibilities for Student Leadership Staff and after several opportunities to improve (guided by your RD & Staff Member) you do not, you will be asked to step down from student leadership.

- Serving Faithfully in Student Leader Roles:

In the Classroom:

The rigorous pursuit of an education based on the Truth fosters each student's academic success and encourages learning within this undergraduate community. Therefore, we expect our student leaders' course load to be within the maximum threshold of 18 total credits per semester (this includes all DS, online classes, and/or courses taken at another school); students may register for winterim/post-sessions as well as transferable units during summer/winter breaks even though it may reflect above 18 units for any fall/spring semester. We encourage all students to participate in study abroad programs and to view these opportunities as a priority for an academic year. This should be considered when applying for a student leader position.

Outside of the Classroom:

The student leader views every event/activity on or off campus as an opportunity to apply biblical principles among their peers and seeks to participate as their availability allows.

All Campus:

WOW Week 8/20-26: Hosting a WOW group and seeking ways to serve new students as they transition to life at TMU

View the U 10/25-26 & 3/21-22 (Fall/Spring): Serving visitors through student housing and care

Truth & Life Conference 1/16-18: Being available to support Student Activities in caring for TLC guests and TLC 4 Kids

Engage 10/11-14: Leading an Engage Team of your peers in fellowship, service, and fostering evangelism within the context of an appointed local church

Day of Prayer 11/6: Actively participating in DOP activities and inviting others to do the same

Residence Halls and Off Campus Life:

Small Groups (Fall/Spring): Leading/participating in a regularly scheduled small group with the goal of focused spiritual discussion and prayer

Activities (Fall/Spring): Participation and/or support of dorm activities as your availability allow or identified by your Resident Director

Local Church:

Each student is required to identify and commit to a local church in accordance with the guidelines found in the student handbook

Important Note – Roles and Responsibilities in Equilibrium:

For the student leader, there are more opportunities than time. Success is not defined by perceived accomplishments, but by faithfulness to fulfill responsibilities to the glory of God. There will inevitably be scheduling conflicts, sickness, or unintended issues that will create tension in fulfilling the responsibilities required of a student leader. The maturing student leader welcomes their overseeing leadership to help guide and support biblically wise decisions that cultivate equilibrium in all the roles and responsibilities in their life.