

Short Answer Questions

Cite an experience you've had with or observed about an RA (positive or negative) that most stands out to you. *

Assume that you were hired as an RA. If we interview your residents one year from now, what will they tell us about you as an RA? *

What do you see as the most important responsibilities of an RA? What situations do you feel most able to handle as an RA? What situations do you think will be more difficult? *

What would you do if a resident did not respond to your efforts to help him/her with an issue such as an eating disorder or depression and you felt it was really important that he/she get help? *

What kinds of things frustrate you? How do you handle your frustrations? *

Can you justify enforcing a policy that you yourself might not believe in? Give an example *

What do you believe a balanced existence for a Swarthmore student looks like, and how will you embody this for your residents? *

Being an RA can be emotionally and socially draining; the position adds another layer of responsibilities to the already-busy life of a Swarthmore student. Please reflect on (a) how you currently manage academic, extracurricular and personal commitments to maintain personal wellness and (b) how you anticipate handling the additional responsibilities of the RA position. Are there any lifestyle changes you would need to make in order to accommodate life as an RA? *

How have you changed/what have you learned about yourself since freshman year? *

As an RA, you become a role model. How can you use this status favorably/unfavorably? It is often said that RA's live in a fishbowl. What are your thoughts on that? *

What type of person would you find it most difficult to work with? How would you try to facilitate a relationship with this person? *

What are some skills you would like to develop to help you become a better leader? *

Is there any additional information that you would like the committee to know that could affect your application? *