Asian American Identities & Images Living-Learning Community (AAII LLC)
The Asian American Identities & Images Living Learning community (AAII LLC) seeks to enhance students’ knowledge of the diverse lived experiences of Asian Americans and other peoples of Asian descent in the United States. The AAII LLC provides a sense of community amongst undergraduates in this program and the Rutgers University community at large. It is open to all students; students do not need to identify as Asian/Asian American in order to participate in the community. This unique residential environment combines curricular and co-curricular activities designed to enhance each student’s overall college experience. Residents of this community live in Bishop Quad on the College Avenue Campus. Students live with peers, ranging from first-year students through seniors, who are interested in building a community based on mutual interests, developing their knowledge of Asians/Asian Americans in the United States and across the diaspora, creating connections with University faculty and staff, and exploring leadership opportunities through social and cultural organizations. Peer Mentors live in residence and serve as mentors and leaders of the community. They ensure a unique living-learning experience for the residents through engaging in informal and formal interactions and through organizing culture related programs and activities on a regular basis.

Location of Community and Peer Mentor: Bishop Quad
Students and mentors will live on the College Avenue Campus, adjacent to downtown New Brunswick with theaters, restaurants, student-friendly shopping, and the NJ Transit train station for easy access to NYC and Philadelphia. The AAII LLC will be located in the heart of the College Avenue campus in the scenic Bishop Quad area.

Peer Mentor Primary Functions:
- Meet individually with assigned mentees at least twice during each semester, with the first meeting occurring within the first 3 weeks of the fall semester
- Promote and encourage a dynamic, positive, and fun environment within the AAII LLC
- Design and implement cultural programming (minimum of 4 programs per semester) that reflects the interests of the residents and connects with the 1.5 credit seminar taken by all residents
- Promote cultural awareness and facilitate regular discussions about issues affecting Asian Americans
- Attend major Asian American Cultural Center events such as the Open House, the New Student Social, Pan Asian Lunar New Year (PALNY), the Block Party, and Asian Oscars
- Assist residents in becoming familiar with faculty and professional staff and with on-campus resources, including student clubs and organizations
- Refer areas of concern to Residence Life staff regarding potential conflicts and problems amongst residents
- Ensure students understand their responsibilities as members of a living-learning community
- Collaborate with other LLCs within the building
- Perform weekly house social rounds to build and maintain relationships with residents
- Create, maintain, and update a monthly bulletin board related to Asian American identities
- Develop, promote, and participate in a philanthropic project
- Work with the AAII LLC instructor to facilitate a class during the 1.5 credit seminar
- Assist the Residence Life Learning Communities office in recruitment activities in the spring
Benefits of Becoming a Peer Mentor:
- A great leadership opportunity and resume builder!
- Meet new people and develop relationships with Rutgers faculty and professional staff
- Share experiences and offer support to Rutgers students in the AAII LLC
- Gain teaching experience from facilitating a class discussion for the 1.5 credit seminar
- Learn more about campus resources
- Gain skills in program planning and community building

Compensation and Time Commitment:
- Stipend of $1000 per semester; total of $2000 for the academic year
- Each Peer Mentor agrees to regular interactions with the residents and is expected to devote 5 hours each week to active and intentional engagement with the residents

Conditions of Appointment:
- Peer Mentors will serve for one academic year, beginning April 2016 and ending May 2017
- Peer Mentors must maintain good academic and judicial standing during the term of employment
- Mentor will be assigned a space in the Bishop Quad. **NOTE: You will be responsible for paying for your own housing.**
- Peer Mentors must promote and attend events sponsored by the Asian American Cultural Center as part of the LLC experience for the residents

Eligibility Requirements:
- Be a full-time Rutgers University student
- Have sophomore standing by August 2016
- Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 and be in good academic and judicial standing at time of application
- Must have successfully completed the 1.5 credit LLC seminar in a prior semester or be willing to take the seminar in conjunction with the Peer Mentor position. The seminar is currently offered on Fridays 1:40pm – 3:00pm at the Asian American Cultural Center on Livingston 01:550:281 (01)
- Must be self-motivated and have strong leadership, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- Preference will be given to past or current junior or senior interns at the Asian American Cultural Center

Application & Selection Process:
- All applicants must apply for a lottery number between January 18 – January 26
  A completed online application for this position includes an essay and resume.
- Student will receive an email on or before Tuesday, January 12th if eligible for in-person interviews (individual and group). Students must sign up for an interview prior to January 13th at noon.
- Interview will be held either Tuesday, January 19th or Wednesday, January 20th in McCormick Hall
- Candidate notified by Friday, January 29th of hire
- Candidate must accept position by Monday, February 1st

Mandatory Training Sessions and Orientation:
- Peer mentor orientation and training will be held on April 15, May 12, and the week of August 29th, managing your summer commitments to end prior to the start of training.
- Mentor must also be available for student orientation on Friday, September 2, 2016.
- Asian American Student Leadership Retreat in October
- Meet with Residence Life Coordinator regularly, including a weekly 1:1 and staff meeting.

**Essay Questions:**
Please answer the following questions in one essay of 500 words or less. Attach answers in a Word document with your full name and the name of the LLC listed at the top of the essay document.

1. What personal characteristics and skills do you possess which would make you an effective Peer Mentor? Please explain and include any relevant experience.
2. Please share your programming ideas and enrichment activities for the community.