

Interfaith Ambassador

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Job Description

About the University Chaplaincy

The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. We:

1. provide spiritual care,
2. support religious and philosophical communities,
3. educate about spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world, and
4. promote multifaith engagement.

Position Description

The Interfaith Ambassador Program is a student leadership program for undergraduate students. This team works in collaboration with University Chaplaincy staff, campus student leaders and organizations, and community groups to create more inclusive multifaith spaces on campus. Ambassadors offer opportunities to bring people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs together for reflection, community-building, advocacy, and service. Guided by critical thinking, deep listening, curiosity, and empathy, Ambassadors engage these kinds of core questions:

How do we bring our own personal values and practices into the work for social justice?

What is the role of interfaith communities in building spaces for belonging and dialogue on campus?

How can we use our diverse religious and ethical perspectives to mobilize and unite against injustices rather than being complicit or propagating them?

What is the role of the arts and storytelling in interfaith work?

What does it mean to accompany someone in their growth and learning?

The Ambassador team is supervised by the University Chaplain and receives guidance and support from the whole Chaplaincy team. They also actively partner with student organizations and university offices across campus. Ambassadors work 6 – 8 hours per week. Hours include weekly team meetings and scheduled hours for study, program development, and program leadership.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

Weekly Team Meetings on Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 8:00pm for discussion, learning, and project development; consulting and/or Planning Special Projects like interfaith leadership workshops; service and advocacy programming; and small group dialogue and discussion groups; engagement with religious and cultural site visits across Boston for a new first year experience program hosted by the University Chaplaincy, Pax Et Lux Holiday Celebration MLK Day of Community Action.

Basic Requirements:

All currently-enrolled Tufts undergraduate students may apply

Demonstrated interest in interfaith programming, leadership and civic engagement

Interest and experience in exploring one own's worldview and gaining appreciative knowledge of others' religious, spiritual, and/or philosophical identities and practices

Strong verbal and written communication skills, with a commitment to community building, listening and reflection

Excellent interpersonal skills, with an emphasis on empathy, inclusion, and hospitality

Ability to work effectively in a small team and to prioritize critical thinking and collaboration

Ability to work in a religiously and philosophically diverse setting

Self-motivation, ability to prioritize, ability to function in a fast-paced environment, attention to detail, flexibility, and follow-through

Availability to work some nights/weekends

Ability to learn office and university policies and procedures; ability to explain Chaplaincy and Interfaith Ambassador mission and programs

Desire to grow in skills and responsibility, including effective outreach with campus and community organizations

Details:

Schedule: 6-8 hours per week, including **mandatory Wednesday evening group meeting from 6:00pm to 8:00pm during the semester**. Other hours will be determined according to students' schedules and assigned projects. Some weekend and evening work will be required, including two-day retreats before the start of classes in both September 2025 and January 2026. Work Study or Non-Work Study are welcome to apply.

Compensation: \$15 per hour