One of the ways to enhance your on-campus living experience is by being a resident in a Residential Learning Program. Student Housing Services is partnering with academic departments and/or campus resource offices to establish Residential Learning Programs that foster a greater connection between the in-class learning experience and the out-of-class experience. Research has shown that residential learning experiences provide positive impacts on student satisfaction, connection to the university and academic performance. Ultimately, we believe these communities can help you develop long lasting connections while also focusing on your academic aspirations.

Students with similar majors or interests will live together on selected residential floors. Residents will be able to study together, work together and learn from each other. Hall staff will focus programming elements to connect classroom learning with your out of class experience. Specific activities may include:

- Social programming focused on bringing students and communities together
- Inviting faculty or outside practitioners to the halls for events, lectures or community programs
- Study, tutor or advising sessions presented by department staff or students to aid students in their academic pursuits
- Programming focused on experiential learning such as film series, cultural experiences and off-campus excursions

Specific Program Information

**Rainbow Village**

Where gender is not taken into account when assignments are made is located in International Gateway House, Diamond Head Side, 3rd and 4th floor. This community is intended to be a supportive environment for students who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, or allies of LGBT students.
College of Education Residential Learning Program

Who is eligible: any student of any class level who has an interest in the education field.

Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? Johnson Hall [1]

Picture yourself: Developing a network of peers who are either considering or actively pursuing a career in the Education field. Activities include community service projects at schools; exposure to faculty in the College of Education; and opportunities to develop close relationships with peers who are majoring in Education.

College of Business Residential Learning Program

Who is eligible: any student of any class who has an interest in business.


Picture yourself: Being a part of an immersive living and learning experience which taps into the many resources that the Shidler College of Business has to offer. Build a network of peers who share an interest in the world of business, develop new professional skills, and explore future career aspirations. Enhance your UHM experience strengthen your team building skills by becoming a part of our RLP community.

Health Professions Residential Learning Program

Who is eligible: Freshmen students considering a career in the health fields: medicine, pharmacy, nursing, etc.


Picture Yourself: Forming close friendships with other students with an interest in the Health Professions; engaging in programming and activities designed to help you explore the health professions; forming close relationships with faculty and staff in the health majors.

Honors
Who is eligible: Freshmen accepted into the Honors program (for the Freshmen honors program).

Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? Hale Aloha Lokelani [3] (Freshmen)

Program description: This program is only for students already admitted into the Honors program. Students in this program reside with other students that are ready to meet the challenges of a stimulating, rigorous, and rewarding academic program.

Native Hawaiian Residential Learning Program

Who is eligible: any student of any class with an interest in Hawaiian language and culture.

Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? Johnson Hall [1]

Program Description: This residential learning program is designed for students who are interested in taking a critical look at issues and experiences facing Native Hawaiians in higher education. As a participant of the program, students will be expected to discuss, explore and implement student-driven initiatives that nurture a "Hawaiian sense of place" and community at UH Manoa. In partnership with Hawaiinuiakea Native Hawaiian Student Services, this RLP will offer workshops, community service opportunities, mentoring, seminars, and academic counseling.

Japanese Language and Culture Residential Learning Program

Who is eligible: Any Student of any class with an interest in Japanese Language and Culture.

Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? Johnson Hall [1]

Picture yourself: Meeting other students and making new friends who share your interests in Japanese language and culture. Participate in cultural activities such as Japanese tea ceremony, and learn about UHM overseas studies in Japan and on-campus lectures and activities.

Filipino Language and Culture Residential Learning Program

Who is eligible: Any Student of any class with an interest in Filipino Language and Culture.
Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? [Johnson Hall](#)

Picture yourself: Focusing on language and cultural appreciation through programming, language exchange, lectures, and cultural events.

**Travel Industry Management Residential Learning Program**

Who is eligible: Students majoring in Travel Industry Management or interested in a career in the travel industry.

Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? [Hale Aloha Mokihana](#)

Picture Yourself: Interacting with students in the Travel Industry Management program; networking with students and professionals in the travel industry; and attending programs and activities designed to enhance your academic, personal, and social success.

**Natural Sciences Residential Learning Program**

Who is eligible: Freshmen declared majors within the College of Natural Sciences (Astronomy, Astrophysics, Biochemistry, Biology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Ethnobotany, Information and Computer Science, Mathematics, Microbiology, Molecular Cell Biology, Physics)

Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? [Hale Aloha Lokelani](#)

Picture yourself: Engaging in activities with other College of Natural Sciences students. Connect with faculty and staff outside the classroom and immerse yourself in exciting extracurricular experiences. Enjoy the convenience of being surrounded by students taking similar coursework for added academic support through your first year.

**E?: College of Engineering Residential Learning Program**

E?: Acknowledge your calling and be a part of the Engineering ?Ohana, which is a residential learning program designed specifically for first time freshmen pursuing a degree in Engineering. Students majoring in Engineering will find their niche while living together in an engineering student community within Johnson Hall, conveniently located across the street from Holmes Hall, home of the College of Engineering. As part of the residential learning program, students will be engaged in a variety of academic...
and social networking activities led by UHM College of Engineering faculty, staff, and student leaders. Through these activities, students, as a community of learners, can overcome any obstacles they may be facing together as new students; will have the opportunity to learn about the different areas of engineering; discover their academic focus; and connect with other engineering students and faculty who share their interest.

E? is a Hawaiian word (pronounced as ?eh-ooh?) that has two meanings: 1) you acknowledge a thought, call, or a request AND 2) to win, to overcome, to conquer.

Where is it housed in 2018 - 2019? Johnson Hall.

Special Environments

Freshmen only environments exist in all four Hale Aloha towers.

The Graduate and Family Housing environment is located in Hale Wainani ?G? building.

Limited Co-Ed housing is available at Hale Wainani. Residents of all genders will share living quarters in this community.

Who can be a part of the Residential Learning Programs?

A student can be a part of any program that is housed within a facility in which they are qualified to reside, unless otherwise indicated above.

How to apply for Residential Learning Programs

Applying to be part of a Residential Learning Program is easy! For every program except the Honors RLP, simply select the program on your housing application.