



FACULTY ADVISOR POSITION

George Mason University and the Washington Youth Summit on the Environment (WYSE) seek several dynamic and enthusiastic individuals to fill the positions of Faculty Advisor for a week-long residential student leadership conference held June 28 – July 3, 2026.

About WYSE: WYSE brings together 300 of the Nation's brightest rising high school juniors and seniors for an intensive **experiential** conference focusing on **leadership, environmental science, and conservation**. Students and staff reside on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University, while taking advantage of Washington, D.C. and venues such as the Smithsonian's National Zoo and the U.S. Capitol. **Detailed information and a tentative schedule can be found at wyse.gmu.edu.**

Job Description: The Faculty Advisor is responsible for facilitating the assigned curriculum and providing students with the best possible conference experience. Each Advisor will be assigned to a group of students that they will lead along with a Junior Faculty Advisor for the summit duration.

Job Duties:

- Lead a group of up to 23 students and facilitate the assigned curriculum and discussion topics
- Work with one Junior Faculty Advisor as a mentor in the implementation of the curriculum
- Be able and willing to interact in a large group setting and hold responsibility for the safety and wellbeing of students at all times during the summit

Job Requirements:

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, advanced degree(s) preferred
- Must be 21 years of age
- Ability to carry out the responsibilities listed above and abide by the Summit Code of Conduct
- Interest and knowledge of environmental science/conservation studies/sustainability/engineering or related field
- Experience and/or interest in working with high school students
- A high energy level, flexibility, and the ability to work extended days and hours
- Travel to and from campus at the start and end of the summit and pay for parking if using a personal vehicle**
- Must report to campus at **3 p.m. ET on June 26, 2026** and reside on campus at George Mason University for the week with departure on July 3, 2026
- Pass a mandatory criminal background check
- U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency

Training: In-person training on **June 26 and 27 is REQUIRED** on campus at George Mason University. Housing is provided during training.

Housing: Single-room accommodation is provided from June 26 to July 3.

Travel: Travel to and from George Mason University is not provided.

Arrival: Arrive on campus Friday, June 26 by 3 p.m.

Departure: Leave campus any time after 2 p.m. on Friday, July 3. Please make flight arrangements accordingly.

***If you are parking on campus, you will receive more information closer to the summer about purchasing a parking permit*

Compensation: Faculty Advisors will receive \$2,350 and single-room accommodation for the conference week plus 2 training days. We expect compensation to cover travel and minimal meal costs during the conference.

How to Apply: Send a resume and cover letter to the Director by **March 1**.

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