



JUNIOR 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 Junior 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 are found at wyse.gmu.edu.

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

Job Duties:

- Help lead a group of up to 23 students and facilitate the assigned curriculum and discussion topics in coordination with the Faculty Advisor
- Work with one Faculty Advisor 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:

- Graduating college with a Bachelor's degree in 2027, 2028, or 2029
- Must be at least 18 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 **2 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: 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 2 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: Junior Faculty Advisors will receive \$700 and 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 15**.

**The JFA position is limited to 2 terms. If you have worked 2 summers as a JFA, unfortunately we are unable to review your application for hire.*

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