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Owl Team Leader 2025 - Frequently Asked Questions

*[*View the 2025 Owl Team Leader position description here!*](#)*

About the position

- What is an Owl Team Leader?
 - An Owl Team Leader is a current undergraduate student at Temple University that is hired to welcome new students to campus over the summer. Owl Team Leaders lead small-group sessions, icebreakers, give campus tours, and answer questions to new students (and their family members!) about Temple University!
- Can I be an Owl Team Leader if I'm an introvert?
 - Yes! Our aim is to hire a diverse group of student leaders who can connect with new students and assist them in getting acclimated to college.
- How many Owl Team Leaders are hired?
 - We plan to hire around 25 Owl Team Leaders this year.
- How much do I get paid?
 - We offer a \$3,200 stipend (pre-tax) over the course of the summer with the opportunity to earn \$300 during the fall semester through assisting with Weeks of Welcome, 2026 Owl Team Leader recruitment, and Homecoming & Family Weekend. Additionally, we provide housing during the summer (valued at \$2,500) as well as lunch during in-person orientation sessions(2x per week) and orientation gear such as a polo, rain jacket, backpack, etc.
- Is being an Owl Team Leader a full-year commitment?
 - The Owl Team Leader commitment is from Spring 2025-Fall 2025. This includes a required spring 7B course, summer orientation training and sessions from June 10, 2025– August 1, 2025, and approximately 25 hours of work during the Fall 2025 semester. Owl Team Leader responsibilities do not extend into 2026.
- Do I have to live on-campus while I'm an Owl Team Leader?
 - We provide on-campus housing for Owl Team Leaders during the summer (June 10, 2025 - August 1, 2025). Owl Team Leaders are required to sleep in their campus lodging the night prior to Orientation sessions You are free to stay on-campus or leave on Fridays and weekends when there are no orientation sessions.
 - Can I be both an Owl Team Leader and an RA?
 - Yes! We have had many Owl Team Leaders be both OTLs and RAs. Typically, the summer Orientation sessions end prior to RA training.
- Who supervises the Owl Team?
 - The Owl Team is supervised by a full-time professional staff member. Additionally, the team has 4 Student Coordinators who serve as peer mentors



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providing support and resources. Student Coordinators are current undergraduate students who are former Owl Team Leaders that have returned in an elevated capacity to mentor the new Owl Team Leaders.

About the Student Staff Seminar

- What is the Student Staff Seminar?
 - The Student Staff Seminar is a mandatory course for Owl Team Leaders that runs during the 7B period of the spring semester (approx. March 11, 2025 – May 5, 2025). The course is once a week for approximately 70 minutes. Students are required to attend each class for the duration of class time.
- Can I be an Owl Team Leader if I am not available at the time of the Student Staff Seminar?
 - The Student Staff Seminar is mandatory and multiple different class times are available. Unfortunately, if you have a class or prior commitment and cannot attend any regular meeting time, you are ineligible to be an Owl Team Leader this year. During this course you will explore personal and team development topics to prepare you for the role.
- I am available to take the Student Staff Development Seminar, but I am studying remotely or am unable to attend in-person – can I still be an Owl Team Leader?
 - We can work with students on a case-by-case basis to determine what accommodations can be made. We invite you to apply for the role and we will talk further during the selection process.
- Is the Student Staff Seminar for credit?
 - The Student Staff Seminar is a 0-1-credit course. You may choose if you'd prefer to take it for 0 or 1 credit.

About the summer

- When is Owl Team Leader training?
 - Owl Team Leader training starts with Owl Team move-in on June 10, 2025 and extends through June 23, 2025, including a 2-day off-campus retreat. June 19, 21, and 22 will not have any training obligations. Orientation sessions are scheduled from June 24, 2025 – July 31, 2025 with no session July 4. Owl Team move-out is on August 1, 2025 following the Owl Team Banquet. Students may be able to stay into the following weekend with advance notice and approval.
- Can I take a vacation this summer?
 - Participation in training and all orientation sessions is required. We encourage Owl Team Leaders to take vacations prior to Owl Team move-in (June 10, 2025) or following move-out (August 1, 2024). Owl Team Leaders will have off July 4.
- Can I have another job as an Owl Team Leader?



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- We ask that you prioritize your commitment to the team and remain available for all required trainings and Orientation sessions. Time-management is a necessary skill to be a successful Owl Team Leader!
- Can I take summer classes?
 - We ask that you prioritize your commitment to the team and remain available for all required trainings and Orientation sessions. You will not be excused from Owl Team Leader responsibilities for summer academic coursework.
- How long is a typical day as an Owl Team Leader?
 - Each day is different, that's part of the fun! Owl Team Leaders work approximately 30 hours a week. An exact schedule will be provided during Owl Team Leader training, but Owl Team Leaders can expect to work from about 7:00am-5:30pm on in-person orientation days and from 9:30am-2:00pm virtual orientation or mentor group days..