



## FACULTY ADVISOR POSITION

George Mason University and the Washington Journalism and Media Conference (WJMC) seek a dynamic and enthusiastic individual to fill the position of Faculty Advisor (FA) for two sessions of a week-long residential student leadership conference held **July 12-17 and July 19-24, 2026**.

**About WJMC:** The week-long program brings together 300 of the nation's brightest rising high school juniors and seniors for an intensive **experiential** conference focused on **leadership** and **journalism**. Students and staff reside on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University while taking advantage of Washington, D.C. and venues such as the National Press Club and the U.S. Capitol. **Detailed information and a tentative schedule can be found at [wjmc.gmu.edu](http://wjmc.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 conference's 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 be responsible for the safety and wellbeing of students at all times during the conference

### Job Requirements:

- Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree
- Must be 21 years of age
- Ability to carry out the responsibilities listed above and abide by the Conference Code of Conduct
- Interest in and knowledge of journalism and the media
- Experience 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 conference and pay for parking if using a personal vehicle\*\*
- Must report to campus at 3 p.m. ET on July 10, 2026 and reside on campus at George Mason University for both conference weeks with departure on July 24, 2026
- Pass a mandatory criminal background check
- U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency

**Training:** In-person training on **July 10 and 11 is REQUIRED** on campus at George Mason University. Housing is provided during training.

**Housing:** Single-room accommodation is provided from July 10 to July 24.

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

**Arrival:** Arrive on campus Friday, July 10 by 3 p.m.

**Departure:** Leave campus any time after 2 p.m. on Friday, July 24. 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/session and single-room accommodation for the conference weeks 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**.

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