The Ambassador Program seeks to build a connection with students who want to represent the LGBTRC and cultivate their leadership capacities. This program provides students an opportunity to get more involved in Center programming and initiatives; become better informed on LGBTQA and allied topics and concerns; and further develop their leadership skills. The three core principles framing the Ambassador program are social justice, advocacy, and leadership.

Ambassadors will spend the academic year learning and developing leadership skills connected to equity, justice, and social change. They will assist the LGBTRC by creating a safe space for the queer community, being a point of contact for new students and visitors, working to better foster fellowship and community, developing and designing outreach projects, and advising the LGBTRC staff on important issues and concerns.

**Basic Requirements**

- At least a second-year student by fall of 2016 with a 2.75 cumulative GPA (interested transfer students should contact Meg Evans for more information)
- Ability to attend:
  - Weekly meetings starting August 22, 2016: Monday from 4:15-5:15pm
  - August 14, 2016 (9am-5pm) Retreat
  - January 8, 2017 (9am-5pm) Retreat
  - Weekly office hours (i.e., two hours a week of your choosing)
- Ability to actively engage students, faculty, and staff at informational events
- Ability and desire to speak openly about diversity within sexual and gender minorities to future and current UGA community members, in classrooms, and/or to represent the student voice of the LGBTRC
- Ambassadors may miss one meeting per semester without penalty. Missing more than two meetings in a semester will result in removal from the program. Additionally, Ambassadors are required to respond to a monthly journal prompt to be turned into the advisor at the end of each month.

**Programming and Outreach Requirements***

- Monthly newsletter (September-April) written and edited by the LGBTRC Ambassadors
- Monthly tabling for LGBTRC or special event associated with the LGBTQA and ally community
- Plan and coordinate Transgender Awareness Week and Transgender Day of Remembrance (Fall)
- Plan and coordinate PRIDE Week (Spring)
- A presence in UGA’s Homecoming Week— involvement may include the parade or special events throughout the week
- Displays for National Coming Out Day, Bisexuality Awareness Day, World AIDS Day, Black History Month, Women’s History Month, and others to be determined
- Provide a student voice for the LGBTRC in various capacities—including, but not limited to, orientation sessions, classroom visit requests, communications with potential LGBTRC students/community members, and media request

*The programming and outreach responsibilities will be divided among the group."
Learning Outcomes

Students will:

Develop a greater understanding of their personal, intersecting identities, particularly sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression;

Demonstrate their understanding of relevant social justice issues through programming and outreach initiatives;

Develop personal and leadership skills, including but not limited to, time management, effective written and oral communication, conflict resolution, teamwork, group facilitation, and peer education.

Application

The following application should be typed and e-mailed to evansme@uga.edu by April 3rd, 2016 at 5:00pm. Late submissions will not be considered. During considerations of applicants, the committee may elect to contact your chosen reference outside of the LGBT Resource Center. Your reference should be able to communicate your strengths as an applicant. Please do not include a family member or close friend as your reference. You will be notified by April 20, 2016 if you have been selected as an LGBTRC Ambassador.

Preferred Name and Pronouns: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________ E-mail: ____________________________

Year in School: ____________________________________________

Major/Minor: ____________________________________________

T-shirt Size: ____________________________________________

Name and E-Mail Address of Reference: ____________________________

Optional Questions

Gender Identity: ____________________________ Sexual Orientation/Identity: ____________________________

Racial/Ethnic Identity: ____________________________________________

Additional questions on next page.
Short Answers

In a few sentences, please answer the following questions to the best of your ability. There is no right or wrong answer to any of the following questions.

1) Describe your interest in the Ambassador program.

2) What are some of the specific ways in which you would like to grow and develop as a leader?

3) Serving as an Ambassador includes volunteering in the LGBTRC, representing the office at campus and community events, attending weekly meetings, participating in leadership retreats, and more! How does this program fit with plans you have for involvement in other student clubs, organizations, other service programs or other out-of-class activities? Given your schedule, are you able to meet the time commitments of the Ambassador program?

4) The program is framed in a way to challenge and grow socially just leaders who want to enact social change. In your words, what is social justice?

5) What skills, talents, and ideas do you hope to share with the UGA LGBTQA and allied community through your involvement in the Ambassador Program?

6) Please share any additional information you might have for the selection committee.

For questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Meg Evans (evansme@uga.edu).