

Welcome to Your First Year

Bridge the gap between high school and college with the power of the First-Year Residential Experience, a program designed for first-year success

Here's What to Expect

Welcome home! The UR campus is your new home. You'll be steps away from many resources, classes, labs and social events. You are now a member of the Rochester community filled with museums, theaters, sporting events and cultural opportunities. Your residence hall will be the home to social and academic events. Your hall specifically long-lasting friendships will develop as you navigate your first year alongside fellow residents

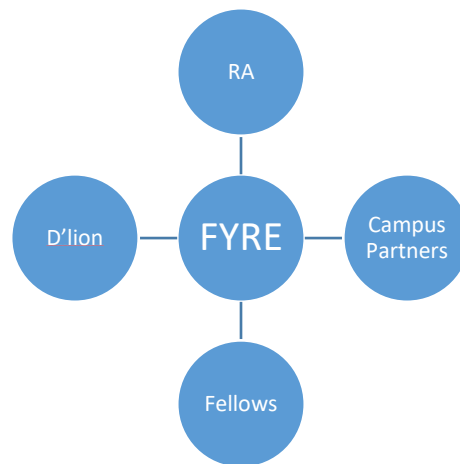
What is the First-Year Residential Experience?

The First-Year Residential Experience (FYRE) is a year-long, structured, residentially based program for all first-year students designed to help them transition and acclimate smoothly. FYRE consists of peer leaders and staff that are dedicated to supporting you. You will have the opportunity to participate in activities, discussions and traditions designed to meet the unique needs of your first-year experience.

FYRE benefits, programs and resources

- Increased peer support through your caring Resident Advisors (RAs), D'lions and First-Year Fellows on each floor
- Academic Excellence with campus resource connections
- programs from the Career Center and Learning Center right in your residence building
- Various Social activities including involvement with building traditions
- Opportunities for involvement with Civic Engagement
- Residential leadership roles.

Your First-Year Team



Resident Advisors (RA) are undergraduate students who live on each residence hall floor. RAs are selected and trained to serve as a campus resource person, mediator, and policy enforcer. RAs plan social and educational activities.

D'lions are a long serving club on campus. Each member is an undergraduate student who also live on the halls. They are assigned to assist incoming students with their transition to campus life specifically in the area of social engagement. Additionally, D'Lions promote campus spirit, and participate in community service throughout the Rochester area.

First-Year Fellows First-Year Fellows are upper-class students who live in first-year residence halls to increase first-year student academic success through coaching and mentoring. They further serve as guides to connect students to appropriate academic resources on campus; they provide tips and education to assist in the academic preparedness and acclimation of first-year students to college life.

Our hope

Is that you will be active community members who are academically prepared and socially engaged. As a result of living in the residence hall, you will have many opportunities to participate in activities and have valued conversation with staff and peers, connect and be aware of the many campus resources for success, and explore new ideas while building meaningful connections with each other.