

Atlas  
Position Description & Responsibilities

The Atlas position began as a small group of student leaders who volunteered to guide students through the topics of vocational discernment on RoadTrip, Loyola's annual sophomore retreat. As discernment services expanded across class years, there became a need for student leaders trained to accompany others through uncertainties toward their truest most fulfilling way of living. Atlases are not expected to possess the answers to life's questions, but they should be committed to the process of genuine seeking sources of joy, uncovering gifts and talents, and examining ways to serve the world, both for themselves and with others.

**Requirements:** Students must meet the following criteria in order to serve as an Atlas:

- Be a junior or a senior in good standing at Loyola University Maryland
- Hold a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Be available for weekly trainings
- Possess a passion for and introductory knowledge of psychological, educational, or spiritual habits of intentional living
- Value diversity of thought and experience; and understand the role identities play in shaping individual journeys toward authenticity and purpose
- Exhibit foundational understanding of helping skills

**Responsibilities:** Applicants can preference between two subgroups of the Atlas team: RoadTrip or Pathfinders. The responsibilities for each subgroup, along with the expectations common across subgroup are listed below.

All Atlases:

- Participate in weekly trainings
- Engage in all on-boarding and team-building events outside of the weekly trainings, including an Atlas Facilitation Training & Retreat.
- Practice habits of discernment within one's own life.
- Facilitate games at the Milestone Fair, held during Initium Week each fall semester.
- Facilitate small group conversation for the Greyhound Leadership Challenge, a program for first-year students discerning between leadership opportunities at Loyola.
- Serve as an ambassador for Class Year & Discernment events by sharing marketing materials and information about the programs.
- Commit to continuity of care for Loyola students beyond formal responsibilities through planning and participating in any reunions or individual meetings with students as the need arises.
- Continue your own journey of discernment by participating in senior programming (encouraged but not required).

Pathfinders Subgroup:

- Assist in recruiting and retaining sophomore participants.
- Participate in weekly trainings each Friday morning in the fall semester.
- Help plan and facilitate Pathfinders retreat at the beginning of the fall semester.
- Attend weekly Pathfinders meetings each Friday 5:00 pm during the fall semester.
- Mentor a small group of Pathfinders outside of the 5:00 pm meeting time.
- Plan one bonding event for Pathfinders during the fall semester.
- Encourage mentees to participate in RoadTrip.
- Plan and facilitate large and small group reunions during the spring semester.

RoadTrip Subgroup:

- Prepare and give a witness talk on a topic of discernment during RoadTrip.
- Facilitate small group discussion during RoadTrip.
- Practice facilitation skills by leading the Atlas Training assigned to your witness talk.
- Journal weekly on the topic of discernment you are assigned to give during RoadTrip.
- Be prepared for and participate in weekly 1-on-1 meetings with the RoadTrip Director or Graduate Assistant to work through (1) your witness talk and (2) your own process of discernment.
- Help recruit and retain RoadTrip participants and compasses.
- Plan and facilitate large and small group reunions the spring semester following RoadTrip.