RECOMMENDATIONS for HIRING STUDENT EMPLOYEES
- STaRS program

DO:
✓ CHECK OUT THE WUSTL ACADEMIC CALENDAR (and mark up your Outlook calendar to reflect all the important dates for your student workers: breaks, exams and reading week, midterms, major campus events like WILD and Thurtene, move-in etc.)
✓ GIVE STUDENT EMPLOYEES MEANINGFUL AND CHALLENGING WORK
✓ OUTLINE (in person and via email) FIRST-DAY-OF-WORK EXPECTATIONS:
  o COMMUNICATION (...must reply to all email? ...expected reply time – 1 business day? ...what method works best for student employee? – email, text...)
  o ATTIRE (business casual? no flip flops? no tiny clothing... etc.)
  o SHIFTS/SCHEDULE (must notify supervisor or others X amount of time in advance to report not being able to make a shift | student employee responsible for finding another student employee to fill the shift... etc.)
  o LUNCH BREAKS/EATING AT WORK (must clock out to take a 30 min break for every 6 hours worked – this is required by HRMS, eating during a shift is/is not allowed?)
  o RESPONSIBILITIES & REPERCUSSIONS (STS model: 3 strikes/semester – 1st verbal, 2nd written, 3rd term)
✓ EXPLAIN HOW THE ORGANIZATION WORKS AND WHO'S WHO
✓ SCHEDULE REGULAR STATUS MEETINGS
✓ ASK FOR AND BE OPEN TO INPUT/NEW IDEAS
✓ SCHEDULE PERFORMANCE REVIEWS (every semester) AND AWARD MERIT-BASED RAISES EACH SEMESTER/YEAR
✓ ASK STUDENT EMPLOYEES TO RECOMMEND THEIR REPLACEMENT AND TRAIN THEM
✓ KNOW STUDENT EMPLOYEES WORK, ON AVERAGE, 7-10 HOURS/WEEK (MAX OF 20HRS/WEEK ALLOWED DURING THE SEMESTER, CAN WORK UP TO 40 DURING BREAKS)
DON’T:

• HIRE A STUDENT FOR A JOB THAT IS BEST SUITABLE FOR A SPECIALIZED CONTRACTOR

• PLAN ON HIRING SUMMER STUDENTS IN APRIL (they start planning summer internships in late fall)

• OVERLOOK THE STUDENT’S MAIN REASON TO BE AT THE UNIVERSITY (this job might not even be their 2nd or 3rd priority, but it is a job and should be treated as such)

• EXPECT STUDENT EMPLOYEES TO KNOW SHAREPOINT

• EXPECT STUDENT EMPLOYEES TO WORK 20 HRS/WEEK

• BE SURPRISED IF SHARED SERVICED HR ONBOARDING TAKES MORE THAN 5 BUSINESS DAYS (especially for international students who need to apply for and obtain a SSN before beginning to work)

• SUCCUMB TO UNCONSCIOUS BIAS/STEREOTYPES

• FORGET THIS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THEIR FIRST “REAL” JOBS

• ASSUME THEY ARE ANYTHING LIKE YOU WERE AT THAT AGE

• FORGET TO BE A MENTOR AND TEACH THEM WHAT IT TAKES TO BE SUCCESSFUL PROFESSIONALS POST WASHU