

GRADUATE ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GAAC) 2024 ELECTION GUIDELINES

Colleges/schools and other campus units awarding Graduate Assistantships are asked annually to hold internal primary elections and select candidates for final campus elections to determine membership in GAAC.

AMENDMENT: The standing active participants of the Graduate Assistant Advisory Committee unanimously passed an emergency amendment to fill open, inactive, and underrepresented slots on the committee. Those amended guidelines are as follows:

Graduate Assistants will be asked to nominate individuals or themselves in an open process for seats on the committee. *Only Graduate Assistants will be eligible for a seat on the committee.*

Nominees will move on to an election within their hiring unit based on the number of nominations available at the time of submission. Any Campus Unit, College, or School with more nominees than available positions within the Unit will participate in a Unit-level election before joining the GAAC roster. *These elections will be held virtually. No Unit-level elections will be held for units with only one nominee.*

A Graduate Assistant representative is considered the representative of the College, School, or Campus Unit in which they are awarded an assistantship. *This is not always the College or School where a student worker is enrolled.* A total of 12 members are elected to GAAC based on their Unit Group:

Hiring Campus Unit, School or College (Listed as Unit Groups)	# of Candidates
ARHU, BSOS, CMNS and ENGR	≤4
Academic and Student Affairs, AGNR, ARCH, BMGT, EDUC, PUAFA, SPHL	≤3
CLIS, Libraries, JOUR, Research, and all Units not listed above	≤2

***Graduate Assistants in Masters programs will serve one-year terms.

***Graduate Assistants at the PhD level will serve two-year terms.

Once the body of each unit group has elected a final slate of nominees, the full slate will be announced and included in the 2024-2025 GAAC Roster. That group will be expected to participate in the Spring 2025 Meet and Confer process, as well as the Constitution and Bylaws revision process.

Nominations from any campus unit should be sent to gaac@umd.edu for review before the 2024 Elections.