Student Government Association (SGA): Position Descriptions, and Criteria (Fall 2025)

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# General Membership

### Description

General Members of the Student Government Association play a critical role in supporting the organization's mission. General Members will join a committee and actively participate in committee meetings. They will help the Co-Chairs with generating ideas and will be assigned small tasks as necessary to assist with the day-to-day tasks of the committee. General Members will be able to provide the Co-Chairs with feedback and suggestions and they will be able to engage with fellow AAP students at events to build a strong community.

### Requirements and Criteria

**Enrollment & Academic Requirements**

Must be enrolled as a full-time or part-time graduate student in a Johns Hopkins Advanced Academic Program.

Be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the university.

**Time Commitment**

Active participation in at least 50% of Student Government Association (SGA) meetings per semester is expected. Individual SGA committees typically hold one to two meetings per month, while the entire SGA convenes once a month. Regular attendance and engagement in these meetings are essential to maintain good standing and foster a collaborative environment within the organization.

**Who are we looking for?**

Someone who demonstrates a genuine interest in the AAP SGA’s mission, purpose, and values.

Someone who wants to be more involved with and/or give back to the AAP community.

# Committee Descriptions

### Career & Alumni

The Career & Alumni Committee offers a comprehensive slate of opportunities to AAP students to advance their professional skills. The committee will be responsible for developing events and programs to help students in their post-graduation prospects. This committee will be working often with the Life Design Lab and AAP faculty to create both practical professional skills workshops and/or foster networking connections/opportunities with AAP alumni and industry professionals. *As there are many JHU policies surrounding alumni and industry professional engagement, this committee will work very closely with the Advisor for SGA to solicit external alumni and industry participation with the Life Design Lab and AAP faculty.*

### Communication & Marketing

The Communications and Marketing Committee is responsible for increasing engagement within the AAP student body. Along with the Secretary for AAP, the Communications and Marketing committee manages the SGA Hopkins Groups page. This committee works with other committees to promote their events, creating flyers and other engaging marketing materials. The committee also serves as a place for clubs and organizations to get ideas for promoting their events. The Communications & Marketing Committee will be taught JHU branding policies to ensure compliance with JHU policies.

### Events & Engagement

The Events & Engagement Committee designs and executes engaging events and programs that enriches the graduate student experience. The Committee works to create opportunities for social interaction, skill development, and community building through activities tailored to the diverse interests and needs of the AAP student body.

### Governance

The Governance Committee ensures the smooth and transparent operation of the AAP Student Government Association. The committee will maintain the by-laws and are responsible for managing any changes to the by-laws. The committee will work with all other committees and the Executive Board to ensure that JHU policies are being followed at all times. The Governance Committee will work with the Executive Board and the Advisor for SGA to ensure that elections are being conducted in Hopkins Groups in a fair and accessible manner.

Additionally, the Governance Committee plays a key role in supporting other student organizations. They make up a large part of the final approval group for new club applications, and they assist the President with support for SGA-sponsored clubs and organizations regarding policies. They lead the effort with the President to ensure that all clubs are certified as active every semester.

The Governance Committee will also be responsible for working with the President regarding student advocacy campaigns. Student Advocacy means that students are requesting changes to a policy or that students are requesting additional resources like a food pantry, lounge space, etc. These changes are not always able to be made, but sometimes they can be successful.