

## GRADUATE ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GAAC) ELECTION GUIDELINES

Colleges/schools and other campus units awarding Graduate Assistantships should hold internal primary elections to select candidates for a final campus election for GAAC membership. Units grouped together should work collaboratively to determine and implement a primary election process.

The internal primary elections should be open processes and should allow for Graduate Assistants to nominate themselves. Other specifics of the primary process should be determined locally.

Only Graduate Assistants are eligible to vote in the primary elections or to be forwarded as candidates for the campus election. Graduate students who do not hold Assistantships are not eligible.

For purposes of this election, a Graduate Assistant's "home" is the college/school or campus unit where the student holds an assistantship; this may differ from the college/school where the student is enrolled.

Colleges/schools and campus units should forward the names of candidates according to the chart below. The slate of final candidates will be distributed to campus Graduate Assistants (~4,000), who will select the GAAC membership through an online election.

GAAC will comprise 12 elected members, plus the President of GSG as an ex officio member. The final ballots will be sorted so GAAC includes no more than two elected members from any college/school or campus unit and no more than five elected members from any Graduate Assistant category (Research Assistants, Teaching Assistants, Administrative Assistants).

- **Up to four candidates each: ARHU, BSOS, CMNS, ENGR.**
- **Up to three candidates each: Academic Affairs (Extended Studies, GRAD, UGST, Provost), AGNR, ARCH, BMGT, EDUC, PUA, SPHL, Student Affairs.**
- **Up to two candidates each: CLIS, Libraries, JOUR, Research, Other Units (Administrative Affairs, Informational Technology, President, Universities at Shady Grove, University Relations).**

Please forward names of candidates, with contact information (just university email, please), to gaac [-at-] umd.edu by September 30. Also email us at gaac [-at-] umd.edu with any questions about the process.