

VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

OFFICERS AND AT-LARGE TRUSTEES, UWAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

UWAA Mission

Our mission is to support the University of Washington and higher education in the state of Washington.

UWAA Commitment to Race, Equity, and Justice

The UW Alumni Association is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, and to advancing understanding and actions that are actively anti-racist. The UWAA's mission to advance higher education and support the UW is grounded in the premise that an organized community of nearly 500,000 graduates is a force for extraordinary change. Our objective is to lead substantive change within our membership and the broad alumni community, to engage marginalized alums and amplify Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) voices. [Read our commitment to advancing inclusivity and anti-racism.](#)

Position Purpose

To provide strategic policy leadership to the University of Washington Alumni Association in support of its mission.

Responsibilities and expectations

- Be an active advocate for the UWAA. Understand how the UWAA makes a valuable impact on the UW and its alumni, students, and the community. Be familiar with the UWAA's strategic plan and key priorities.
- Be an active advocate for the University of Washington. Understand the University's key issues and be able to articulate why support for the University is critical and give educated and informed responses to people who need better understanding about those key issues.
- Champion the [UWAA's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, and advancing understanding and actions that are actively anti-racist](#). During UWAA activities, stay engaged, speak your truth, allow space for grace, listen for understanding, welcome different perspectives, and be committed to expanding your knowledge about racial equity outside of our shared time together.
- Be an active and prepared participant at meetings and events (see time commitments below).
- Actively engage in UWAA and University of Washington programs and events, serving as an active and visible ambassador for the UWAA and the University (1-2 events or activities per month/15-20 hours per year).
- Work within UWAA policies and procedures and in partnership with UWAA and UW staff.
- Provide the UWAA executive director and staff with feedback on how they can improve and help to make your suggestions become reality and improve your trustee experience.
- Be familiar with current information in *UW Magazine*, *Viewpoint* and the UWAA website.
- Be a life member of the UWAA.
- Actively participate as a UW Impact (www.uwimpact.org) Advocate (5-10 hours per year).
- Actively participate in student engagement activities such as Huskies@Work (5-10 hours per year).
- Be active in recruiting new annual and life members for the Association.
- Be a resource for finding new sponsors and affinity partners for the Association.
- Consider making a personally significant philanthropic contribution, directly or in-kind.
- Own a UW affinity license plate.

Term of office and time commitment - At-Large Trustees

- Serve a term of up to three years.
- Attend five UWAA Board meetings (4-6 hours each) and prepare for them as necessary.
- Attend up to four UWAA Standing Committee meetings (1-2 hours each) and prepare for them as necessary.
- Participate in UWAA ad hoc committees/projects as needed. Be flexible to allow for occasional evening or weekend commitments for meetings, events or programs (15-20 hours per year).

Term of office and time commitment - Officers (Executive Committee)

- Participate at the At-Large Trustee engagement level, plus:
 - Serve a two-to four-year term (depending on officer position) beginning August 1, 2021.
 - Attend monthly Executive Committee meetings (2-3 hours each) and prepare for them as necessary.
 - Chair UWAA's Standing or Ad-Hoc Committees as needed.

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