



Student Government Association (SGA) of Columbia College Chicago

Dear Prospective Senator:

On behalf of the Student Government Association of Columbia College Chicago, I would like to thank you for your interest in joining our team! We are always looking for passionate and dedicated members such as you.

The Student Government Association of Columbia College Chicago represents the student voice and strives to construct a better union between students and administration. SGA serves as the liaison to ensure the welfare of our unique and diverse media arts community. Through leadership and strong reputation, its goal is to provide students with opportunities to grow academically, artistically, professionally, and personally.

Throughout this application packet, please take the time to explore the position descriptions so that you can make the best decision when deciding which is the right fit for you. You will find requirements and an application checklist on the following page to better assist you through the process.

Please submit your application and petition online <colum.edu/sga> or drop it off at the office, located at 916 S. Wabash on the 4th floor (The Loft). Do not hesitate to contact the Executive Board at anytime with any questions and/or concerns. We look forward to working with you very soon.

With peace,

Executive Cabinet
Student Government Association of Columbia College Chicago
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Thank you again for your interest in the Student Government Association!

. Please read over the following requirements to better assist you during the application process:

Requirements of SGA Members:

- Undergraduate student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time the application is submitted, and throughout their term in office.
- Undergraduate students must be enrolled in at least twelve hours throughout their term in office.
- Graduate students must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher at the time the application is submitted and throughout their term in office.
- Graduate students must be enrolled in at least nine hours throughout their term in office.
- Must attend all regular Senate meetings.
- Must claim membership to at least one permanent committee and attend all regular meetings of that committee.
- Must speak and vote (if applicable) on behalf of their constituents being represented at all times.
- Must attend senate orientation and training

Application Checklist:

- Make sure that you meet all requirements listed above.
- Decide which position you would like to apply for.
- Submit contact information, class, major, and OASIS number.
- Submit 50 student signatures with OASIS numbers.
- Answer questions (linked on the website <colum.edu/sga>) in no less than one paragraph.
- Submit resume or any additional documents you find relevant.



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Academic Senators

There are 23 academic departments at the college with students seeking a major. Each is eligible

to be represented on the SGA. Your responsibilities include:

- Voting and speaking on behalf of the students in your department
- Meeting regularly with your department chairperson

Hosting forums and classroom visits in your department

Non-Academic Senators

There are 10 At-Large Senators who speak on behalf of Columbia students as a whole regardless of their individual department. If you wish to represent a non-academic sector of the student body that is not already listed, please send inquires to <sgapresident@colum.edu>

Your responsibilities include:

- Voting and speaking on behalf of the best interests of the entire student body
- You may be asked to work with a department that has no student representation on SGA
- Assuming membership of at least one SGA committee
- Attending SGA Senate and committee meetings.
- Hosting forums for your student program population.

Graduate Senators

The Graduate Senators work to represent students enrolled in graduate programs. There are three graduate senator positions, one from each of the academic schools.

- School of Fine & Performing Arts
- School of Liberal Arts & Sciences
- School of Media Arts

Your responsibilities would include:

- Voting and speaking on behalf of all Graduate students;
- Assuming membership of at least one SGA committee
- Attending SGA Senate and committee meetings.



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COMMITTEES

External Affairs Committee

The External Affairs Committee handles recruitments of new members, as well as publicity of the SGA. This includes recruiting new members of the organization, creating and implementing marketing strategies for brand awareness and events. This committee also deals with the publication of all advertisements, flyers, and other promotional materials in conjunction with the Vice President of Communications.

Internal Affairs Committee

The Internal Affairs Committee organizes and manages all internal affairs of the SGA senate. This includes hearing and reviewing fund requests, arranging for guest speakers for Senate meetings, and organizing and implementing internal Senate events in conjunction with the Vice President of Finance.

Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee addresses the concerns of the student body of Columbia College. This committee handles issues ranging from matters of campus facilities and environment, residence life and student life concerns to academic and non-academic concerns. Part of the Student Affairs Committee is a standing committee specifically for Graduate Student Affairs. This committee is open to any member of the student body.