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NAEAA Creates Student Ambassador Program

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The National Association of Equine Affiliated Academics (NAEAA) has introduced a unique professional and service opportunity for graduate students in higher education equine programs who are interested in careers in teaching, outreach and leadership. Graduate students are invited to apply for the newly created [Student Ambassador Program](#).

Objectives

The NAEAA Student Ambassador Program is designed to advance graduate student skills in teaching, outreach and organizational leadership. Ambassadors will work alongside the NAEAA Board during a one-year term to promote the organization's mission including planning, marketing and producing educational events including the annual conference and taking part in NAEAA sponsored research. Ambassadors will take the lead on developing student-focused activities (e.g., the graduate student mixer at the annual conference every other year). Networking opportunities with equine faculty, industry leaders and peers will be a key feature.

Qualifications and Expectations

Applicants should be Masters or Doctoral level students with a minimum 3.0 GPA interested in careers in academia, extension and organizational leadership, for example, within the equine industry or equine sciences. Student Ambassadors must attend at least 50% of the monthly board meetings, attend 100% of the student involvement committee meetings, and be actively working to meet all Student Ambassador Program objectives. Ambassadors will serve a one year term with the option to renew for a second term. NAEAA Student Ambassadors that successfully complete the program will attend the annual conference on a fee waiver and be recognized during the conference awards ceremony.

Selection Process

[Complete your application](#) by February 15th by uploading the following:

- a 1-2 page double spaced essay describing how serving as a NAEAA Student Ambassador will advance your skills to meet your career goals, what specific skills you hope to develop in this role, and what skills you possess that will help you be a successful NAEAA Ambassador;
- a curriculum vitae;

- a one page letter of recommendation.

Review of applicants will be completed by March 1st, and applicants will be notified if they are selected for a second-round interview. Interviews will be conducted via Zoom in mid-March, and successful candidates will be notified in April.

Questions?

For additional information, please contact the NAEAA [Student Involvement Committee](#).

Founded in 2007, NAEAA is a non-profit professional organization representing individuals from public and private institutions and the equine industry that strive to educate undergraduates within an equine academic program. The core belief of the organization is that there is educational and societal value in the equine disciplines of study. The mission is to strengthen post-secondary equine academic programs, provide networking opportunities, and facilitate increased cooperation and information sharing among our members.