The Alumni Association Council of the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences serves to foster graduate education, scholarship, and research at the Graduate School and to enhance and inspire alumni involvement that furthers the mission of the Graduate School.

As a member of the Council, you will have the opportunity to:

- establish a strong working relationship with the Graduate School leadership team;
- develop an intimate familiarity with programs, priorities, and services of the Graduate School; and
- bring your interests, talents, and resources to advance the mission and programs of the Graduate School and to expand the horizons of the Council, the Alumni Association, and the Graduate School.

Through work with the committees and ad hoc working groups of the Council and with the Graduate School leadership team, you will help the Council fulfill its mission, roles, and responsibilities, which include:

- Providing support, advice, and counsel to the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of FAS, and the President of the University, to sustain the success and wellbeing of the Graduate School and its students;
- Promoting alumni awareness, engagement, and commitment to the University to expand relationships between the Graduate School and alumni and among alumni with each other;
- Recognizing fellow alumni with Centennial Medals awards for their contributions to society that have emerged from their graduate education at Harvard;
- Building strong relationships between alumni and current students to assist students in career planning, placement, and transition, and to sustain the quality of graduate student life; and
- Identifying and electing new Council members to reflect the geographic, academic, and professional diversity of the alumni community and sustain the vitality of the Council.

Service on the Council is a great gift to the Graduate School and its current and future students, and we hope it will be an enriching experience for you.

Duties of Members

Service on the GSAS Alumni Association Council includes the following responsibilities:

- To serve a term of three (3) years, potentially renewable for additional terms of three (3) years each.
- To attend semi-annual Council meetings in Cambridge, generally held in early November and in May preceding Commencement;
- To serve on one or more committees or ad hoc task groups of the Council, whose meetings are generally scheduled at the same time as Council meetings or are otherwise convened via telephone and/or the web for the convenience of members;
- To support the Graduate School Fund through an annual gift commensurate with personal circumstances; and
- To serve as ambassadors for the Graduate School Alumni Association between Council meetings.

Members are also encouraged to attend and help organize local, regional, national, and global Alumni Association events throughout the year.