



Liberal Arts Council Fall 2021 Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in Liberal Arts Council; we can't wait to read your applications! As a reminder, the application is due **Tuesday, September 14 at midnight**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Aryan Bhalla at membership.utlac@gmail.com or Nat Fernelius at president.utlac@gmail.com.

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS THOROUGHLY.

Please use this document as a template, and copy its contents onto your own document. Once completed, upload document(s) to this Google Form:

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Good luck :)

Aryan Bhalla, Membership Director

Required Responses

As our application process is blind, please refrain from stating your name in any of the following answers. (350 words per question MAX)

1. Why are you choosing to pursue an education in the College of Liberal Arts?
2. Tell us about a time when you experienced personal growth and how you reacted to it.
3. Each semester, the New Member class is tasked with planning and executing a project that impacts the College of Liberal Arts. Said project can be a singular event or an ongoing initiative. Please provide us with a detailed description of what project you would like to implement should you become a LAC New Member.

4. Why would you like to join Liberal Arts Council?
5. How did you find ways to engage with social and academic commitments at UT while we were online during the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters?

Short Responses (Choose 3)

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Please choose THREE questions to answer in 250 words each or less.

1. If your life were a TV show, what would be your show's theme song and why? (you can pick an existing song)
2. If you could be the head of any organization in the world, be it large or small, nonprofit or for-profit, which organization would you want to lead and why? If you wish, you may invent your own organization to answer this question.
3. On my walk to school this morning... (finish this story, be creative!)
4. If you could have dinner with any person, living or dead, who would it be and why?
5. What is your favorite meme, and why? LAC requires you to get existential for this one.
6. Pick a movie or novel where the protagonist makes a difficult choice. Do you agree or disagree with the decision he or she made? Why?

Committee Assignments

Liberal Arts Council consists of 8 committees, each with a different mission related to student advocacy for the College of Liberal Arts. Please read through the following descriptions of each committee and indicate your top two choices should you become a member of LAC.

The **Academic Affairs** committee develops college-wide programs and hosts events that enrich the student academic experience in Liberal Arts by connecting students with faculty outside of the classroom. The committee also facilitates the distribution of \$12,000 in study abroad scholarships each year and other faculty recognitions such as the Liberal Arts Council Excellence in Advising Award and Jean Holloway Teaching Award.

The **Student Affairs** committee develops, programs, and encourages student involvement within the college by way of events and engagement with resources like Liberal Arts Career Services (LACS), Counseling and Mental Health Center (CMHC). The committee helps to develop well-rounded students by facilitating connections with on-campus resources by hosting Wellness Week, helping to foster a community within the College of Liberal Arts, and aiding in extra-curricular enrichment to aid students both during and after their college careers.

The **College Ambassadors** committee engages in direct dialogue with the students and administration of COLA departments, centers, and programs. The committee plans and develops town halls, focus groups, and surveys to reach underserved populations in the college, and better identify widespread student issues. Members of the committee help to host and facilitate discussion of COLA issues with the deans of the college during regularly scheduled Dean's Meetings. The committee also helps coordinate the Liberal Arts Affiliated Organizations.

The **Campus and Community Focus** Committee fosters service minded individuals within the College of Liberal Arts. It represents liberal arts students by providing volunteer opportunities and leading targeted service initiatives. Internally, the committee coordinates LAC participation in community service events. Externally, the committee works with the Recruitment and Retention Committee of Senate to coordinate the College of Liberal Arts' involvement with campus-wide service opportunities.

The Liberator is the official publication of the College of Liberal Arts. As a liberal arts-focused news magazine, they aim to keep students connected to the university through updates on legislation, campus affairs, world news, and student life. Liberator heads work to maintain an award-winning news blog and publish their print issue in the spring. Liberator publications reach thousands of students every year.

The Publicity Committee engages in all committees to ensure their events and programs are publicized to the University. Assignments include designing graphics and flyers, designing our monthly newsletter, handling LAC social media, maintaining internal communication within the council, event photography, and external communication with other University organizations. Past events include other committee events such as Career Fair, POC Town Hall, Yoga-on-the-Lawn, and many more.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee strives to improve the experience of underrepresented students in the College of Liberal Arts. Members will work together to conduct focus groups, write a report that will be officially presented to the college based on the focus groups' feedback, and will work closely with CoLA's Director of Diversity and Organizational Climate to create college-wide events and programs that will ensure CoLA students from all different backgrounds feel welcomed and supported.

The Development Committee is tasked with maintaining the alumni relations and LinkedIn group of Liberal Arts Council, running fundraising and sponsorship efforts within council, designing merchandise, and improving council more generally.

TOP TWO PREFERENCES (in preference order):

- 1.
- 2.

Required Documents

REQUIRED FOR LIBERATOR APPLICANTS ONLY: A writing sample that demonstrates what you're interested in contributing to the magazine, whether it be creative writing, academic writing, or journalism. If you're interested in photography/design/visual art of any kind, please submit a folder or portfolio with a sampling of your work-- if you don't have a body of work, no worries, just make sure to specify that you're interested in learning more about one of the aforementioned fields in your application. (Do NOT include names in sample)

Please submit Liberator samples in the Google Form linked on Page 1.

Thank you for your application!

You will be notified about the status of your application by the morning of Friday, September 17th.

Any questions can be directed towards Aryan Bhalla at membership.utlac@gmail.com. Visit our website www.utlac.org to learn more about LAC and stay updated with us through Instagram (@utlacouncil) and Twitter (@utlacouncil).

We look forward to hearing from you soon!