# **University of Georgia Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB)**

2025-2026

#### **Purpose:**

The Student Library Advisory Board (SLAB) serves as a bridge between the University of Georgia student body and the UGA Libraries. SLAB members communicate the needs, preferences, and expectations of different populations on campus to library staff. Student advisors will recommend improvements throughout the academic year, informing library decisions that will enhance experiences using library services and spaces.

#### Who can get involved?

Any University of Georgia undergraduate or graduate student is invited to participate in SLAB, regardless of major, student group affiliation, or previous library knowledge. From freshmen to transfers, commuters to graduating seniors, the libraries want to hear from a wide range of voices.

#### How can I join?

Each academic year, the UGA Libraries will select a cohort of 12-15 students to serve on SLAB. Interested students must complete an application and may be invited for a brief interview. Faculty and student organizations (e.g., Student Government Association, Panhellenic Council, Arch Society, etc) are also encouraged to nominate students to represent their communities. Serving on the board is a voluntary, unpaid position.

# How can I nominate a student to serve on the Student Library Advisory Board?

Faculty and student organizations (e.g., Student Government Association, Panhellenic Council, Arch Society, etc.) are encouraged to nominate students to represent their communities. To nominate a student, email <a href="mailto:lha91196@uga.edu">lha91196@uga.edu</a> and <a href="mailto:jess.grant@uga.edu">jess.grant@uga.edu</a> with the student's name, email, and a short paragraph about why that student would be a good fit to serve on SLAB. Applicants must be available to attend the first board meeting on Thursday, October 9th at 5:00PM in the MLC.

#### **Student Library Advisor <u>Requirements</u>**

SLAB members are expected to:

- 1. Serve the entire academic year (fall through spring semester)
- 2. Attend at least 5 meetings per academic year, <u>including the first meeting on</u>
  Thursday, October 9th at 5PM in MLC 369
- 3. Maintain good academic standing and comply with all University standards, rules, and/or policies as well as all federal, state, and/or local laws.

#### **Student Library Advisor Responsibilities**

As a Student Library Advisor, you will:

- 1. Offer feedback on existing and proposed library services, spaces, resources, events, and policies
- 2. Suggest agenda items and advocate for new ideas
- 3. Promote library initiatives to the broader student community

## **Benefits of serving**

By joining SLAB, members will:

- 1. Gain valuable leadership and service experience
- 2. Develop skills in communication, collaboration, and problem-solving
- 3. Contribute to meaningful improvements to the student experience
- 4. Learn about the operations of a major academic research library

# **Meeting Schedule (Fall Semester)**

Coffee Meeting: Tuesday, September 23, 1:30PM-2:30PM, MLC Jittery Joes

Board Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 5:00PM-6:30PM, MLC 369 (Required)

Coffee Meeting: Tuesday, October 14, 1:30PM-2:30PM, MLC Jittery Joes

Board Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 5:00PM, MLC 369

Coffee Meeting: Tuesday, November 18, 1:30PM-2:30PM, MLC Jittery Joes

Reading Day Wrap Up Meeting: Wednesday, December 3

# **Application Timeline**

Application: 2025-26 Student Library Advisory Board Application | QuestionPro Survey

Application/Interest Form Closes: Thursday, September 11, 11:59PM

Interviews: Monday, September  ${\bf 15}^{\rm th}$  - Thursday, September  ${\bf 25}^{\rm th}$ 

## **Contact Information**

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