

Call for Self-Nominations: Graduate Student Representatives to Skills and Experience Flag Committees

The Center for the Skills and Experience Flags (CSEF) and the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) are requesting self-nominations from graduate students at UT Austin to serve on committees that oversee the Skills and Experience Flags. We are seeking one representative each for these five committees:

- Cultural Diversity in the US and Global Cultures Flags Committee
- Ethics Flag Committee
- Independent Inquiry Flag Committee
- Quantitative Reasoning Flag Committee
- Writing Flag Committee

These committees are charged with interpreting the criteria for their respective flag requirements, approving courses to carry flags, and advising CSEF on assessment and faculty development. The graduate student representatives to these committees will also serve as a liaison with graduate student instructors across campus, helping to inform graduate students about the flags and their purpose and representing graduate student instructors in conversations about the flags. The committees typically meet four times per year, and there is some work outside of meeting time reviewing proposals to add the flags to courses.

The graduate student representative positions are new additions to the flag committees. We have created these positions because we recognize that graduate student instructors across campus are an important part of the undergraduate teaching that happens in flagged courses, and we believe the graduate student perspective will be an important addition to the committees. In addition to providing graduate student representatives with valuable experience on a university-wide committee overseeing curriculum, service in these committee roles will provide a voice for graduate student instructors in an important part of the UT undergraduate general education.

Because these new positions are being created mid-year, we are calling for self-nominations for representatives who will serve for the remainder of the 2020-21 academic year, with the option to also serve in 2021-22. In the future, these positions will be for one-year terms beginning in the Fall semester.

Eligibility:

To be eligible to serve as the graduate student representative to the flag committees, nominees must:

- Be currently enrolled and actively pursuing a graduate degree at UT Austin.
- Be in good academic standing
- Have either current or past experience as a TA or AI for a flagged course.

- Have an interest in improving curriculum and pedagogy in courses carrying the relevant flag.

Preferably, nominees will also have taken or be currently enrolled in a 398T course, although this is not required.

About the Skills and Experience Flags:

The Skills and Experience Flags are a unique and innovative feature of all undergraduate degrees at The University of Texas at Austin. Designed to be completed in residence, the Flags provide the enriched education that all students will need to become effective future leaders in our society and a constantly evolving workplace. All undergraduate degrees at UT Austin requires students to earn one flag each in Cultural Diversity in the US, Global Cultures, Ethics, Independent Inquiry, and Quantitative Reasoning, and two or three flags in Writing, depending on the degree plan. For more information about the Skills and Experience Flags, please see the [CSEF web site](#).

Self-Nomination and Selection Process:

Individuals interested in serving as the graduate student representative to one of the flag committees must submit a short self-nomination through [this form](#) by Tuesday, December 1, 2020. A committee consisting of staff from the Center for the Skills and Experience Flags and the President of the Graduate Student Assembly will make selections and notify nominees by early January 2021.