

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAMS

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

There are four categories of membership in the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs: Associate, Full, Affiliate, and Fellow. Full and Associate memberships are open to institutions only. Affiliate and Fellow memberships are intended for organizations and individuals. All members must be recommended for membership and approved by the AGLSP Board of Directors.

Members receive all publications of the AGLSP, including a newsletter and occasional papers addressing specific topics relevant to graduate liberal studies programs.

ASSOCIATE Associate membership is preliminary to full membership and is open to all institutions, through their designated representative, interested in establishing graduate liberal studies programs. Associate members are usually in the early development phase of a program and either have an institutional commitment to create a program or have recently established a new program. Institutions must maintain associate membership for at least one year before they can be considered for full membership status.

To apply for associate membership in the AGLSP, applicants must complete an application form and indicate serious interest in developing a graduate liberal studies program. Evidence of serious interest is generally demonstrated by such actions as creating a committee to assess the institutional commitment to a graduate liberal studies program, seeking consultation through the AGLSP or other agencies to study the feasibility of a graduate liberal studies program, and a willingness to report annually to the AGLSP regarding developments and progress. Associate membership is limited to a period of five years, after which the membership committee will review the status of the institution.

Associate members are entitled to all rights and privileges of full members, except that they may not vote in elections of new full members and in matters pertaining to alteration of the AGLSP Constitution.

FULL To be eligible for full membership, an institution of higher learning must have a graduate liberal studies program in operation, must be an associate member for at least one year, and must have attended one annual meeting of the AGLSP. In addition, institutions applying for full membership status must meet the following criteria:

1. Institutions must provide evidence that they have established clear administrative responsibility for their graduate liberal studies program in the form of an appointment of a dean, director, or other administrator to conduct the program. The administrator of the program must have adequate and on-going voice in the decision-making process of the institution and appropriate autonomy for program-specific decisions, especially concerning program structure and methods of delivery.
2. The program must incorporate the philosophy of graduate liberal studies as noted in Article III of the AGLSP Constitution.

3. The program should explicitly address the needs of adult students in areas such as academic counseling, flexible scheduling, and other procedures that recognize the special circumstances and needs of adult, part-time students. Applicants must ensure student access to all materials, printed and electronic, needed to complete a rigorous graduate curriculum.
4. Institutions must submit a report to the Association of a site visit to the institution by a full member.
5. Institutions applying for full membership status must make a formal presentation to the Board of Directors or to the full membership at the annual meeting of the AGLSP.

AFFILIATE Affiliate membership is available to organizations and individuals who have a professional interest in the purposes and goals of the AGLSP. Affiliate members are welcome to attend annual Association meetings, receive all publications and mailings of the Association, and may participate in the Association as non-voting members.

FELLOW Fellows are honorary, non-voting members who hold membership without fee. The title of fellow is extended to individuals who have provided substantial assistance to the AGLSP. Nominations, which may come from any member, are subject to review by the membership committee and are voted on by the full members of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

The membership dues of the Association are for the period between its annual meetings. The meetings are associated with an annual conference and workshop usually scheduled in the month of October. Member institutions will be billed each fall. The status of new institutions accepted during the year will be effective until the next following annual meeting. The dues structure is as follows:

Full Members: \$300	Associate Members: \$250
Affiliate Members: \$40	Fellows: no fee

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information regarding membership in the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs, please contact:

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