

Invitation from the Heads of the Residential Colleges:

Dear Graduate and Professional Students,

We write to invite all students from the graduate and the professional schools to apply to participate in residential college life at Yale through the Graduate Affiliate Program.

The Graduate Affiliate (GA) Program promotes interactions with undergraduates and involvement in undergraduate life in the colleges.

Yale's residential college system, now over eighty years old, is the cornerstone of the Yale College mission to bring together and educate exceptionally promising students of all backgrounds. Each community contained within the fourteen residential colleges represents Yale in microcosm, offering students a sense of intimate social and intellectual connection, as well as a space of civic and moral responsibility. The colleges are also dynamic spaces allowing for organic creative, intellectual, group and personal leadership development. They feature a wide range of activities and opportunities, from the college student councils to special academic and cultural programs such as Senior Mellon Forum presentations, college teas, creative and performing arts events, intramural athletic competitions, and beyond.

The Heads of College preside over the colleges and actively shape the social and intellectual life of the communities. The residential college Deans serve as chief academic officers and supervisory advisors to students. Together with the Associate Heads and resident Fellows, the Heads' and Deans' offices collaborate with students and their wider support staffs, their Fellows, Graduate Affiliates, and enthusiastic alumni to make the residential colleges warm and supportive communities from whence students may explore and experience all that Yale University and the city of New Haven have to offer.

Our students rely on their colleges – and their Graduate Affiliates – for a sense of belonging and source of support. We look to your flexibility, creativity, and energy to ensure that our communities emerge stronger than before, and please know you will be an integral part of college life.

We look forward to reviewing your application.

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About the GA Program:

- GAs work with the Head of College, college staff, the head GA for each college, and undergraduate students to organize social and educational events. You can find more information about a college's specific GA program by looking at the college website.
- These GA positions are non-residential and do not allow graduate or professional students to live in the colleges. Applicants must live in the New Haven area.
- GAs receive special access to their college, two dining halls meals per week, and the opportunity to be involved in activities ranging from college-wide educational, cultural and social events to photography, pottery, art and drama, poetry readings, music, language tables, science groups, research events, and career advising.
- Eligibility – All degree-seeking Yale graduate and professional students are eligible to apply. Colleges generally appoint GAs from a range of backgrounds, schools, and fields of study. You do not need to be an alumnus/a of Yale College to apply to participate in the GA program. Current GAs do not need to reapply.

Applications are due by Friday, September 22nd (11:59PM). You can access the application survey [here](#). No late applications will be accepted.

Questions? If you have questions, please contact the Graduate Affiliate Program Coordinators Pranam Dey (pranamma.dey@yale.edu) and Eva Landsberg (eva.landsberg@yale.edu). The program coordinators will announce appointments by early October.

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