



UC Santa Cruz Alumni Council Volunteer Description

The UC Santa Cruz Alumni Association, formed in 1968, is a non-profit that promotes the interests of UC Santa Cruz alumni. The Alumni Council is the governing board, representing over 140,000 alumni. The Council provides guidance and counsel on operations and alumni programs in accordance with the bylaws, policy and procedures, and strategic plan. The Council is responsible for the financial oversight of the Association's assets, including the \$3.2 million Alumni Association Scholarship Fund that has been used to award over 800 scholarships.

Councilors work in partnership with fellow alumni and the chancellor, administration, students, faculty, and staff of UC Santa Cruz. Alumni Councilors share and promote the university's vision of academic excellence, provide institutional history, and share the alumni perspective.

Alumni Councilors commit to serving a two-year term commencing on July 1 and ending on June 30. If re-elected, Councilors are able to serve three consecutive terms (for a total of six years of service).

Alumni Councilors are expected to:

Attend Council business meetings and the annual retreat

- Participation in four Council meetings per year: three business meetings, plus one annual planning retreat.
 - Business meetings typically include topical presentations, discussions with campus leaders, and other opportunities to further the Council's goals.
 - The annual retreat held in August includes opportunities for Councilors to get to know each other and plan for the Council's work during the upcoming year.
- Council meetings are held on Saturdays, typically in August, October, February and June.
- In addition to attending regular meetings, Councilors are expected to attend special meetings called to accomplish specific time-sensitive business.
- If two consecutive meetings are missed without a valid reason, Councilors will be asked to resign.

Follow governance principles

- Support the mission, vision, values and goals of the Alumni Council.
- Understand and work according to the Council's bylaws and policy and procedures.

Serve on at least one committee

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- Attend and contribute at your committee meetings.
- Obligations and time commitments vary among committees.

Advocate for the Alumni Association, UC Santa Cruz, and the UC System

- Be a strong advocate for UC Santa Cruz and the University of California.
- Join UCAN, the University of California Advocacy Network, to participate in online campaigns and stay informed.

Engage and Participate

- Reach out to alumni from your college, graduation year, academic division, student organizations, affinity groups, athletic teams and alumni living in your region to encourage their support of campus and participation in UC Santa Cruz activities.
- Work with alumni and university staff to support activities and events in your region(s).
- Attend university events throughout the year, such as Alumni Reunion Weekend, Founders Celebration and events in regional areas.
- Follow university-sponsored social media channels and actively promote, comment and share posts with your Banana Slug community.
- Provide guidance and counsel on the general operations and program activities of the Council, including financial oversight and optimal management of the Association's assets.

Make an annual contribution to UC Santa Cruz

- The Council has a goal of 100% giving to UCSC.
- Council members are asked to make a contribution to their area of interest at a level that is comfortable to them.
- Participate in UCSC's annual Giving Day by donating, encouraging your network to donate, participating in fundraising challenges, etc. as your budget and schedule allow.

Support students

- Volunteer to work with UCSC's Admissions Office to encourage prospective students to choose UC Santa Cruz by assisting with outreach.
- Share career insights with students through the campus's Career Advice Network (CAN).
- Participate in activities that provide opportunities to mentor students.

Eligibility:

- **Members** are individuals who have either earned a degree from UCSC, attended UCSC for six or more quarters and are not currently enrolled, or are Alumni Association Life Members. These individuals must also have an active and functioning email address on record in the UCSC University Relations alumni database that does not contain

restrictions to limit email contact from the University. If you are unsure about your membership status, please contact alumnicouncil@ucsc.edu.

Alumni Association Diversity Statement:

The University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC) Alumni Association is committed to fostering and protecting an environment of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging for the alumni, students, and communities we serve. We vow to be a body that values the ideas and supports every person with civility, honesty, cooperation, professionalism and equity. We strive to build a network of proactive and engaged alumni that is inviting and reflective of the diverse UCSC community we know and love. By ensuring an environment that is inviting, inclusive and reflective of our diverse alumni, we will strive to build a network of proactive and engaged alumni who give back to the UCSC community we know and love.

We pledge to incorporate practices of diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging both at UCSC and in our everyday lives.

For more information, please email alumnicouncil@ucsc.edu.