

**Fulbright Student Association
Constitution – May 2019**

Article I. Name and Purpose

Section I - This organization shall be known as the Fulbright Student Association.

Section II - This organization states as its mission:

‘To provide a peer support network for current and upcoming Fulbright Scholars at North Carolina and facilitate the Fulbright Program global mission in promoting educational relations between International Scholars, strengthening higher education and research initiatives, and enhancing capacities to address local and global issues through mutual cooperation and understanding.’

Section III : Non-Discrimination Policy

Discrimination based upon race, color, religion, creed, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or sexual orientation is in violation of federal and state law and North Carolina State University policy, and will not be tolerated.

Section IV - This organization states as its main goals:

1. To constitute a peer support network for incoming and returning Fulbright Scholars by:
 - 1.1 - Supplying updated information about the Fulbright Scholars enrolled in North Carolina State University;
 - 1.2 - Providing assistance to new students prior to, in the moment of their arrival and throughout their degree progress at North Carolina State University.

2. To promote the academic and professional development of Fulbright Scholars at North Carolina State University by:
 - 2.1 - Providing students with a platform to meet, learn, and share information and knowledge with their peers;
 - 2.2 - Hosting and organizing events for social support among fellows;
 - 2.3- Building long lasting relationships through professional networking.
 - 2.4- Embracing and overcoming any cultural shocks with a positive attitude.

3. To raise awareness about the Fulbright Program in North Carolina State University and act as cultural ambassadors of our home countries by:
 - 3.1 - Seizing opportunities of cultural exchange in the local community;
 - 3.2 - Engaging in activities promoted by the Office of International Affairs at North Carolina State University, as well as with other community groups.
 - 3.3 - Engaging in voluntary service and in initiatives that benefit North Carolina State University’s communities and vicinities.

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Section IV - This organization states as its values:

(Values are traits or qualities that are considered worthwhile; they represent an individual's highest priorities and deeply held driving forces. Let's add as many as we believe that relate to us and then narrow it down. Remember to add the value + one sentence to justify it).

Acceptance and Community - We recognize the importance of collaborative work and brotherhood.

Discipline - We have determination to overcome any kind of challenge.

Cooperation - We understand the importance of giving and serving other fellows as well as the country that hosts us.

Dynamism and Eagerness - Are our motors to become great scholars.

Other ideas: Integrity (as representatives or ambassadors at all times), Kindness, Optimism.

Pluralism and Diversity - We constitute a diverse group.

Team Work- We are a team characterized by mutual cooperation and respect.

Section V - This organization states as its vision:

(We should state here how far we would like to get with the Association. According to business majors, this should be 'a statement about what the association wants to become. The vision should resonate with all members of the organization and help them feel proud, excited, and part of something much bigger than themselves. A vision should stretch the organization's capabilities and image of itself. It gives shape and direction to the organization's future')

'To be recognized as a reference group among the Fulbright Scholars at North Carolina State University and the Fulbright Program – to act as focal point for the Fulbright Scholars studying at NC State and belonging to different countries, so that they share mutual experiences and help each other.

Article II. Membership and Qualifications

Section I Membership shall be open to all Fulbright Scholars at North Carolina State University.

Section II All the Fulbright Students studying at NC State are considered members.

Section III - Election of officers

1. The permanent offices shall be those of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. Regular elections shall be held online or in person each Fall. Nominations will be accepted starting 30 days before and until 3 days to the election day. The Association's President will announce election results via email and the new officers will begin their term in January of the spring semester.

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3. Temporary officers are appointed in instances of removal or resignation of an officer or in instances of special need. Temporary officers are appointed by the council and may be created for a specified term and to perform specified duties. In the event the President's position becomes vacant, the Vice President assumes the position temporarily, and then the officers appoint a temporary Vice President. The term specified for such temporary offices shall not extend past the next regular election.
4. Special elections shall be held whenever one of the permanent offices becomes vacant and/or whenever a motion is made to make a temporary office permanent. The presiding officer at the first possible meeting shall announce all vacancies. The election shall be at the next regular meeting.
5. There shall be no co-officers in the office positions; that is, there can be only one president, one vice-president, one treasurer, and one secretary.
6. In the event of a tie for an elected office, candidates have the option of withdrawing their candidacy before a run-off election. If no candidate opts to withdraw, the run-off election will take place within one week for that position. Only candidates who received the same number of votes in the first election will be eligible in the run-off election. If the run-off is a tie, the office will be decided by the tossing of the official election coin one time.

Article III. Organizational Leadership: Titles, terms and duties of the leadership

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| Section I | The elected officers of this Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. |
| Section II | The officers shall be elected by the Association to serve a term of one year beginning the first week of school in the spring semester. |
| Section III | The Treasurer, in addition to other duties, shall form a Disbursement Committee. This committee shall, once a year, solicit from graduate students their plans for attendance at professional meetings. With this information in hand, and taking into consideration the treasury balance and estimated fundraising revenues, the committee shall determine an amount for that year's travel allotment. The committee is further responsible for determining eligibility criteria for reimbursing eligible graduate students. |

Officers and Duties of the Same

It is here defined that the President is the Head of the Executive Council.

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| Section I | The Office of the President
The President shall: |
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1. Call and preside over Association meetings;
2. Call Association elections and special elections, whenever necessary;
3. Appoint Association committees and their chairpersons unless otherwise specified herein;
4. Have the authority to appoint additional positions and duties if necessary.
5. Perform those duties imposed on this office by the Association constitution.

Section II The Office of the Vice President

The Vice President shall:

1. Preside over Association meetings at the request of or in the absence of the President;
2. Act as proxy at the President's request;
3. Identify local volunteer and cultural opportunities for Fulbright Scholars;
4. Perform those duties imposed on this office by the Association constitution.

Section III The Office of the Secretary

The Secretary shall:

1. Record and maintain minutes of the Association meetings and circulate them to the Association members;
2. Prepare and carry out Association correspondence;
3. Perform those duties imposed on this office by the Association constitution.

Section IV The Office of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

1. Keep the financial records of the Association;
2. Identify additional fundraising opportunities;
3. Present a balance on the financial records of the Association at the end of the mandate and or when requested by a member of the Association.
4. Perform those duties imposed on this office by the Association constitution.

Article V: Methods for removing of officers and members

Section I: The officers are expected to fulfill the duties defined in the constitution.

Section II: Removal of Officers

1. An officer may resign by submitting a written notification to the organizational leadership at the regular meeting prior to the effective date of resignation.

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2. An officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds majority of the votes present at the next meeting, by the members of the association, after the one at which the motion for removal is introduced.

Article VI. Meetings

- Section I The Association shall meet on demand defined by the Organization leadership.
- Section II There will be a minimum of one meeting per semester.

Article VIII. Duties of the Advisor

- Section I The advisor is acts a guiding figure as a whole and a link between the Fulbright NC State and NC Chapter.

Article IX. Amending the Constitution and By-laws

- Section I Amendments to the constitution or by-laws shall be presented by members of the Association in writing, and read at a regular meeting, but shall not be voted on until the next regular meeting, and then only after informing each member of the proposed amendments. A majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting shall be required.
- Section II All amendments to this constitution or by-laws shall be subject to the approval of the University Graduate Student Association.
- Section III Any article of this constitution or part thereof that is in direct violation of the University Graduate Student Association constitution or by-laws shall be null and void and declared unconstitutional by the President of the University Graduate Student Association. Any differences of opinion between the Association and the President of the University Graduate Student Association shall be brought before the Legislature, whose decision shall be final.

Articles X – Methods for the dissolution of the organization

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Section I: The association will be dissolved if any such resolution, introduced by any member, garners two third of the votes of all the members of the association.

Section II: In such a scenario, the assets and the debts will be disposed off before the association is dissolved. The treasurer will will updated the board members of the financial situation of the association and the board members, after having gone through it, will keep the general body of the association with the financial situation. Any objections raised will be resolved before the association is fully dissolved.

Article XI. Dues

Section I Payment of dues, while not required for membership in the Association, shall be required before a member may receive funding from the Association. Collection of dues will be the responsibility of the Treasurer. Association dues will be \$10 per year.

Section II The amount of dues assessed will be determined by a two-thirds majority vote of those members in attendance and voting at a regular meeting of the Association. The meeting at which dues are determined shall be advertised in advance as such.

Section III Payment of dues should be made to the treasurer throughout the first month of every semester.