

T-Quad Takeaways: Leveraging Many Minds, Many Stripes (MMMS) and the Graduate School's 125th to Engage Alumni

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SUMMARY

The Many Minds, Many Stripes (MMMS) conference celebrated the range of contributions of graduate alumni across the globe, coinciding with the anniversary of the Graduate School (125th) and the APGA (75th).

- Graduate alumni now comprise ~30% of Princeton alumni, with a global network representing a vast array of disciplines, career paths, perspectives, and intellectual interests.
- This network is a powerful resource for regional associations to help support professional development, intellectual exchange, service, and friendships.

INSIGHTS & BEST PRACTICES

Below are a few best practices and opportunities to consider that were discussed to assist regional associations with engaging graduate alumni:

- **MMMS provided several insights and resources**
 - [Videos from the conference](#) can be used standalone or as a seed for a precept, career panel, or other event (in combination with the [Inspired Conversations Toolkit](#))
 - Utilize themes and specific topics for regional events and speakers ([TigerSide Chats](#), [Speakers Bureau](#))
 - Consider engaging relevant departments and programs based on the graduate alumni in your region
- **Recruit graduate alumni to serve on your board**
 - Beyond existing roles, consider adding an officer position specifically responsible for graduate alumni engagement
- **Support graduate alumni specific events**
 - Precepts, social events, etc.
- **Add a graduate alumni element to existing club events**
 - Annual meetings, new admit receptions
- **Send a customized welcome to new grad alums in your region**
 - APGA and Office of Alumni Engagement can assist



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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. Host a Regional Association Event

• An Inspired Conversations Event

- Using the [Inspired Conversations Toolkit](#), plan and invite fellow regional alumni to come together for a gathering (virtual or in-person) to watch inspiring video content and participate in discussions fostering connection, reflection, and engagement with the Princeton community.
 - Reach out to the Graduate Alumni Relations Team (gradalum@princeton.edu) with any questions: **Rahsaan Harris '95**, Senior Associate Director, **Kristin Cass h*20**, Associate Director, and **Sophia Senge**, Coordinator
- [ManyMindsManyStripes videos and other resources](#)

• Speaker Event

- The Alumni Education and Travel (AET) team collaborates with regional associations to facilitate connections with faculty, administrators, and athletic coaches.
- Organize your region or multiple regions to have a speaker event by contacting Ann Healy Guarnaccia at the [Speakers Bureau](#) at annbg@princeton.edu
 - Example: "[Taxing Trade: Where Economics Meets Politics](#)" - PC India/Prof. Gene Grossman

2. Event Funding through [Graduate Alumni Programming Grant \(GAP\) Grants](#)

- [APGA Graduate Alumni Programming \(GAP\) Grants](#) provide funding to support alumni- and graduate-student-organized programming that benefits the Princeton graduate alumni community to enhance programming and expand engagement.

3. [Annual Regional Association Award](#)

- Awarded annually by the APGA Board of Governors to a Princeton regional association that deserves special recognition for increasing participation of Princeton graduate alumni in its regional activities and/or fostering the cause of graduate education and the Graduate School at Princeton University.
- Nominate another region or self nominate for the [Regional Association Award](#) by 12/31.

4. Other Resources and Links

- [CORA Communications and Best Practices for Regional Associations](#)
- [APGA Resources](#)
 - **Graduate Alumni Engagement Contact:**
 - Kristin Cass h*20, Associate Director, Graduate Alumni Relations, Alumni Engagement, at kcass@princeton.edu
- **TigerSide Chat** ['The Princeton Graduate School's 125 Years of Transformational Impact' with Dean Rodney Priestley](#)
- **T-Quads**
 - [Guidance for Regional Clubs on Graduate Alumni Outreach](#), by John Balfe *90 and Angelina Sylvain *16, March, 2023
 - [Leveraging Many Minds, Many Stripes \(MMMS\) and the Graduate School's 125th to Engage Alumni](#), hosted by CORA members Anita Gupta *18, Graduate Chair, PC San Diego, and Scott Steele *03 P28, President, PC Rochester

