

University of Kentucky

Ambassadors for Inclusive Excellence *Student Program*

The [Ambassadors for Inclusive Excellence student program](#) provides a unique opportunity for students to hold an active role on campus by discussing their personal narratives in correlation with diversity related topics. The Ambassadors work toward evolving perspectives and breaking down stereotypes, while promoting the genuine celebration of differences and encouraging multicultural awareness across cultures and in everyday settings.

Ambassadors are responsible for facilitating diverse conversations through presentations and open discussions on campus, and events throughout the academic year. Ambassadors are some of the University's most involved students and become part of a close-knit, diverse, and vibrant group.

Discussion topics include, but are not limited to: immigration, understanding differing cultures and culture shocks, LGBTQ experiences, religion, ally-ship, education, challenges facing under-represented minority groups, socioeconomic status, mental health, first generation college student experiences, international relations and the challenges that come with growing up in a single parent household.

Why be an Ambassador for Inclusive Excellence?

- To help increase awareness, promote inclusiveness, and prompt genuine celebration of differences among the university communities
- Encourage other students to take an active role in campus and multicultural activities
- Develop leadership, interpersonal communication, and social skills
- Contact with university administrators, faculty, staff, and other students
- Gain significant leadership experience while enhancing your opportunities for campus involvement, employment marketability, and career opportunities

Who is eligible to be a Ambassador for Inclusive Excellence?

Serving as an Ambassador is an honor and privilege. In order to be considered, applicants *must*:

- Have a minimum grade point average of 2.75
- Have strong communication skills, written and verbal
- Be a positive, productive team member
- Demonstrate outstanding leadership skills
- Exhibit strong interpersonal skills
(Must be highly motivated, energetic, dependable and knowledgeable)
- Be willing to participate in occasional evening and weekend activities
- Be willing to present to classes, student organizations, staff meetings and other requested groups on or off campus
- Value and be able to communicate with diverse individuals
- Have a positive attitude, enthusiasm, and passion for the University

Ambassador for Inclusive Excellence Expectations and Requirements:

- Commit to at least one academic year of service.
- Attend ALL group meetings and trainings, from beginning to end.
- Attend all scheduled events.
- During presentations, you are required to wear Ambassador tops (*provided*) and khaki, black, or jean bottoms (*not provided*) to all presentations. No exceptions.
- Ensure that all trainings, activities, programs and events are scheduled and listed on your calendar. You will receive a list of group meetings at the beginning of fall semester. All meetings are subject to change.

- Familiarize yourself with GroupMe and Outlook to communicate with and amongst the Ambassadors regarding upcoming trainings, meetings and presentations.
- All messages sent in GroupMe and regarding events, presentations, scheduling, etc. must be acknowledged.
- Responses to Outlook calendar invites must be sent promptly upon invitation; once an invite has been accepted the Ambassador is responsible for that event/presentation/etc. and must maintain their commitment.

Will Ambassadors for Inclusive Excellence be taken as an academic course?

- All ambassadors will be required to enroll in an EXP 396 course that will be offered from 2pm – 4pm every Monday.

“International Students in F-1 or J-1 status need to be aware that that the weekly estimated commitment of time to this program is 2 hours. These hours count toward the maximum on campus work of 20 hours per week. Therefore, International Students holding jobs that are over 18 hours a week (full time assistantships are 20 hours per week) are ineligible for this Ambassador program”.

Selection Process of Ambassadors

There will be a two-part application process consisting of an application/recommendation letter and an interview. The selection committee will consist of persons from offices representing our diverse constituents. Along with head/lead OID and International Center faculty and staff, these members will be a part of the full selection process. Student applications will be distributed in the middle of the spring semester.

The first round of applicants will be screened, and applications reviewed April 23rd – 26th.

The second round will be interviews between April 29th and April 30th.

After interviews and deliberation, ambassadors will be selected and notified by May 1st.

Students selected to serve as an I.E. Ambassador will receive a stipend. **The deadline for applications is Friday, April 19th in the Martin Luther King Center.**

For more information on the program, please contact the Martin Luther King Center at 859-257-4130

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Ambassador for Inclusive Excellence Application

Date: _____

Full Name: _____

Preferred Name/Pronouns: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Local Address: _____

Hometown: _____

Cell Phone: _____ **Permanent Home Phone:** _____

UKY Email Address: _____

Current Academic Classification: **Freshman** **Sophomore** **Junior** **Senior**

Graduate Major: _____ **Minor:** _____

Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Shirt Size: **XS** **S** **M** **L** **XL** **XXL** **XXXL**

Current Semester's Class Credit Amount: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

I live on campus, in an University Residence Hall - Name of hall: _____

I live off campus, Other - _____

Do you work on campus? _____ **If yes, where?** _____

If yes, include your work schedule

Please list all student organizations in which you are a member and the expected role you occupy:

Are you familiar with the GroupMe app? _____ **Outlook?** _____

By signing this application, you are acknowledging that the information on this application is true to the best of your knowledge and authorizing the Office for Institutional Diversity and International Center to verify your grade point average and disciplinary standing from University of Kentucky.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Essay Questions

New Applications Only:

1. Tell us a little about yourself (hometown, family life, areas of interest).
2. **WHY** are you interested in becoming an Ambassador for Inclusive Excellence?
3. What does inclusive excellence and diversity mean to you?
4. What area of diversity or culture do you feel you could add to the Ambassadors for Inclusive Excellence Program?

**The application and one recommendation form can be submitted either by mail or hand delivered
before April 19th, 2019 to:**

Martin Luther King Center
Ambassadors for Inclusive Excellence Program - Jason Brooks
Gatton Student Center Suite A230

For questions about the application process, contact the Martin Luther King
Center.

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Recommendation Form
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Ambassadors for Inclusive Excellence encourage students to take an active role on campus and bring awareness to issues of diversity, inclusion, equality, and social justice. Please be candid in your appraisal of candidates. Please feel free to provide any additional comments regarding the candidate's overall potential success in leading inclusive excellence initiatives.

Name and Title of Recommendation: _____

Candidate's Name: _____

How long and in what capacity have you known the candidate? _____

Why do you believe this person should serve as an Ambassador for Inclusive Excellence?

Indicate your opinion of the candidate's ability in the following areas:

	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis
Leadership Potential					
Oral Communication Skills					
Team Player					
Responsibility					
Respectful					
Enthusiasm for the University					
Work Ethic					
Personality					
Maturity					

Please indicate your overall assessment of the applicant and ability to succeed as a Ambassador for Inclusive Excellence.

_____ Highly Recommend _____ Recommend _____ Recommend with Reservations (please explain)

Please send this reference back to the Martin Luther King Center by campus mail or by email to jason.brooks@uky.edu