

## **Ambassador Program Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the time commitment for the spring semester?**

Ambassadors will be expected to participate in at least three training sessions this spring, in addition to committee responsibilities. Spring is a planning time when a lot of the work of the program gets accomplished. It is also a time for the Ambassador team to get to know each other.

### **Do Ambassadors need to be available for meetings over the summer?**

We do not organize face-to-face meetings over the summer, but we expect Ambassadors to be available via phone and internet. Responsibilities over the summer for many Ambassadors are minimal, but there will still be a lot to do and committees will be asked to give feedback and complete some tasks (varies by committee). The most important role for an Ambassador over the summer is to reach out to the new students and be available to them.

### **If I plan to study abroad this summer, will that pose a problem?**

As long as you will have internet access and time to communicate with new students, being abroad for part or all of the summer is fine. Many past Ambassadors have studied abroad during the summer and that background proved to be helpful as many new students have interest in studying abroad during law school.

### **When do I need to be back in Gainesville for fall?**

Ambassadors are expected to attend more training sessions and participate in the entire Introduction to Law School and the Profession (ILSP) program. Therefore, you must be back in Gainesville and be available to meet from August 12-17.

### **How does the Ambassador Program work with Early Interview Week (EIW)/OCI?**

We work with the Center for Career Development to accommodate students who will be participating in EIW/OCI. The presence of Ambassadors at Ambassador and ILSP events is crucial to the success of the ILSP though so it is possible that you will not be able to participate in both programs. Each year, we review the commitments that Ambassadors have made to EIW/OCI (interview schedule) and we determine if any Ambassadors will be overextended and unable to continue their role as Ambassadors. It is our hope that everyone will be able to do both, but there have been times when an Ambassador needed to step down to focus on interviews, which was in the best interest of the student and the programs. This is rare, but a possibility.

### **Does the Ambassador program end at the ILSP?**

No, we expect Ambassadors to attend a few other gatherings, which will be planned in the fall semester. We also expect Ambassadors to continue to mentor their team members (usually 5-8 students).

### **What qualities are you looking for in an Ambassador?**

We are looking for hard-working and helpful students. We need positive representatives of UF Law who will treat others with respect, be attentive to students' needs, challenge students to become a part of the UF Law community and who will commit to the Ambassador program. We'd like for Ambassadors to think about how they felt as 1Ls and what they knew or didn't know about law school before coming here. When talking to 1Ls, it is important to be honest without being negative about law school. Ambassadors also need to remember that many different people come to law school and that some people may not be from UF undergrad and may have more questions than others. Each new student will be unique.

**List the committees that are available.**

Ambassador Team Committee, Event Management Committee, Logistics and Solicitations Committee, Service Committee.

**How do you select a committee?**

Once the Ambassador team is selected, Coordinators will talk to the group about their committees and Ambassadors will be asked to rank the committees in order of interest. The Coordinators will then make committee assignments based on those rankings. Usually, students are placed on their first choice of committee and if that is not possible, their second choice.

**What are the benefits of participating in the program?**

There are so many! Not only do you meet and work alongside your peers at the law school, you will also meet new students. The relationships you build will be valuable to you in law school and in your career. Our goal is for Ambassadors to learn, grow, and develop into more effective leaders.

**How many Ambassadors are selected?**

We plan to select up to 50 students to serve as Ambassadors.

**What is the time frame for hearing if I am selected as an Ambassador?**

We plan to announce Ambassadors by Spring Break.