The Gap Year Association (GYA) proudly offers a Higher Education Institution Membership to position your institution as a welcoming place for gap year alumni, affirming that your school embraces experiential learning and supports students who defer to take a gap year.

Higher Education Members join the GYA to benefit from the gap year perspective and communicate their institution’s ideals to prospective students.

Gap year alumni over-perform in GPA during all four years of their undergraduate career

- 98% of gap year alumni felt their gap year increased their maturity
- 81% of gap year alumni said their gap year influenced their choice of career
- 84% of gap year alumni said their experience increased their academic motivation.

The above data comes from GYA's 2020 National Alumni Survey.

**Higher Education Membership**: $350/year

**Position yourself as the BEST NEXT STEP for gap year year students.**

**GYA Web Traffic Highlight**: 28,500 - 33,300 users/month

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CORE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Higher Education Members:
- Inclusion on GYA's College/University Deferral webpage
- Access to professional support from GYA Staff for gap year recruitment and program development
- Eligibility for exclusive marketing opportunities
- Attributed photos in GYA publications
- Access to bi-weekly virtual Professional Member Forums

All GYA Members:
- Use of GYA Member Badge
- Discounts on Annual Conference & Professional Development Institutes
- Access to GYA’s professional networking platform (Mighty Networks)
- Access to GYA research and publications

NEXT STEPS

Membership Criteria:
- Institutional interest in and commitment to advancing the gap year movement
- Support a student-centered approach when advising on the gap year option
- Institutional preference for experiential learning methods
- Ability for gap year alumni to easily integrate on campus

Become a GYA Higher Education Member:
- Fill out our ONLINE APPLICATION to become a GYA Higher Education Member
- As a member, consider joining one of GYA’s groundbreaking committees

"As a higher education institution, affiliation with GYA has facilitated our access to a network of providers, consultants, and higher education institutions to trouble shoot, share best practices, and discuss current topics and trends."

-Sarah Smith, Global Gap Year Director, UNC-Chapel Hill

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