WHAT

The Gap Year Association (GYA) proudly offers an Official Gap Year College / University membership for institutions that have cultivated ideal higher ed environments at which students can matriculate following their gap year experiences.

WHY

Official Gap Year College / University members join the GYA to become leaders in the gap year movement, to remain at the cutting edge of experiential learning trends and methodologies, and to achieve an exclusive level of promotion specifically among gap year students and gap year consultants.

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.

Official Gap Year College/University Membership: $2,000/year
Position yourself as the BEST NEXT STEP for gap year year students.

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

Header photos: Warren Wilson College, LIU Global
**CORE MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS**

**Official College/University Members:**
- Use of GYA’s Official Gap Year College Seal
- Highlighted listing on GYA’s website
- Monthly digest of students who search GYA’s online Program Provider listings
- Access to professional support from GYA Staff for gap year recruitment and program development
- Eligibility for exclusive marketing opportunities
- Attributed photos in GYA publications
- Position on GYA Board of Directors for one democratically-elected representative of the Official Gap Year Colleges/Universities
- Access to bi-weekly virtual Professional Member Forums

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

**NEXT STEPS**

**Membership Criteria:**
- Institutional commitment to advancing the gap year movement
- Student-centered approach when advising on the gap year option
- Institutional preference for experiential learning methods
- Supportive campus environment for gap year alumni
- Possess or actively work towards gap year-friendly policies such as:
  - Internally tracking gap year student data
  - Offering reasonable deferral policies for gap year students
  - Gap year college credit acceptance and transfer policies

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**About GYA**

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**We are so pleased that Warren Wilson became an Official Gap Year Association College in 2018.**

_It’s very rewarding to continue to have such a strong relationship with the Gap Year Association, as the values of the association and our institution are so closely aligned._

—Morning Naughton, Senior Associate Director of Admissions & Gap Year Liaison, Warren Wilson College