

Excel Network Ambassador Description

Graduates of the College of Arts & Letters at MSU come from many majors – and upon graduation – go on to many different paths. As leaders in a variety of different fields that inspire our students every day, alumni are our best ambassadors to the world. What ties them all together is the foundation from which they discover and connect, inspire and create, and lead by example.

Today's students in the College of Arts & Letters truly value talking to alumni about their experiences and the pathways they've taken for career success, and oftentimes seek them as mentors. This is one of the primary reasons why the College created the [Excel Network](#).

The Excel Network was established in 2016 to provide a holistic approach to career education, experiential learning, student advising, and alumni networking in the College of Arts & Letters to chart successful pathways to meaningful careers.

Alumni play an integral role in both exposing students to careers and providing expertise on entering specific career fields. *We need you* to help ensure the success of future leaders – and the College – by connecting with students through the Excel Network.

As an Excel Network Ambassador, you can:

- Engage with current and prospective students in the College. Opportunities may include:
 - Participate in *Experience Excel* (Fall in East Lansing) or *Java & Jam* (Spring in East Lansing)
 - Engage with students regionally when they are participating in a CAL study away/abroad program.
 - Help with student recruitment by attending recruitment events and sharing your story with parents/potential CAL students.
 - Play a role in supporting and empowering CAL students during the admission process as well as their time at MSU
- Provide an internship or practicum experience – allowing you to connect with a current student and provide them with hands-on experience and insider's view of the day-to-day activities of your profession.
- Reinforce with students that career development is a key component of a College of Arts & Letters education, and exposure to diverse career opportunities is critical to discovering career direction.
- Provide College of Arts & Letters students with advice on careers, industry trends, and how to break into/be competitive in a particular field. This can be as a guest speaker, panelist, event host, resume/cover letter reviewer, or mock interviewer.
- Provide students with real-world experiences – from developing professional networking skills to building networks that students help students connect academic and extracurricular experiences with career opportunities.
- Provide details on open positions within your organization.

What we ask from you:

- Sign up for at least one Excel Network [career community](#).
- Respond in a timely fashion to inquiries from CAL staff.
- Keep your career and contact information updated with CAL.
- Submit responses and photo that will be featured as an alumni highlight on the Excel Network website and career community newsletters. Upon accepting the role of an ambassador, you will be contacted directly by a CAL staff member to submit responses and a photo.

How to apply:

- [Click here](#) to fill out the alumni ambassador application/questionnaire.
- For additional information, please call 517.353.4725 or e-mail alumni@cal.msu.edu.