



FIUTS

local connections.
global community.

THE FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH STUDENTS

2024 PROSPECTIVE TRUSTEE GUIDELINES

The Foundation for International Understanding Through Students (FIUTS) advances international understanding in the Puget Sound Region through cross-cultural experiences, student leadership, and community connections. For more than 75 years, FIUTS has been building bonds of friendship between diverse people, promoting cultural exchange, and inspiring active civic engagement.

The FIUTS Board of Trustees is a working board that plays a vital role in the life of the organization, providing strategic governance and insight and partnering with the staff and the FIUTS Student Board. Trustees engage in oversight, as well as ongoing, practical work to engage and broaden our community, foster growth, and secure support for the organization's mission



FIUTS envisions a global community, tied to the Pacific Northwest, in which people are connected through friendship, mutual respect, and a commitment to international understanding.

TRUSTEE QUALIFICATIONS

FIUTS Trustees reflect the global diversity of our community. Past board experience is an asset, but we seek out a diverse range of skills, professional backgrounds, and lived experiences. Most importantly, FIUTS Trustees are passionate about cultural exchange, interested in investing time and experience in our organization, and value growth and learning.

TERM OF OFFICE

Trustees commit to a 3-year term, and can serve up to two consecutive terms (for a total of 6 years). Student Board members serve one year terms. Past Presidents can serve a 2-year extended term.

MEETINGS

Board members are expected to attend 10 -12 meetings per year: 6 full board meetings and approximately 6 committee meetings. Meetings are held Monday evenings in-person with hybrid options.

2024/25 meeting schedule:

- September 9 March 10
- November 11 May 12
- January 13 July 14

Committee meetings are scheduled according to the needs of each committee..



Trustee Expectations

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

- Expect an average of 6-15 hours per month for meetings and committee work
- Attend 6 full board meetings each year (bimonthly)
- Join/Lead at least one working committee
- Provide ongoing, thoughtful interaction on issues in meetings

FUNDRAISING

- Contribute a personally significant financial gift to FIUTS annually (\$200 minimum contribution; FIUTS should be one of the top few organizations you support)
- Participate in ongoing fundraising activities
- Attend and invite your network to fundraising and community-building events
- Raise additional funds annually through financial contributions, volunteer recruitment, or in-kind solicitations from others

STEWARDSHIP

- Serve the best interests of FIUTS, fairly and impartially as a custodian of FIUTS' Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan
- Adhere to the FIUTS Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest policies
- Participate in strategic and new initiative planning and development, and identify and initiate new opportunities and partnerships

EVENTS & OUTREACH

- Attend FIUTS CulturalFest and Blue Marble Bash
- Participate in hosting programs (overnight or day/mealtime hosting) and support host recruitment in your community
- Take part in at least two regular FIUTS programs each year
- Participate as a representative of FIUTS at events in the wider community and with peer or partner organizations
- Serve as an ambassador for FIUTS, promoting the organization in your own communities.



Benefits of Joining the FIUTS Board of Trustees
FIUTS Trustees make an impact on our region and expand their global network while building skills in decision making, collaboration, financial oversight, and more.

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