



HARVARD
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Office of Student Affairs

Alumni of Color Conference (AOCC)

AOCC is an initiative of the Harvard Graduate School of Education that aims to inspire and transform education by annually convening HGSE alumni, students, and community members concerned with issues of race, class, and education, as they pertain to all people and particularly to communities of color.

AOCC was started in 2003 from the shared vision of a small group of educators convening to create a safe space for discussing race and equity issues. Since its inception, AOCC is an annual event which brings together students, faculty, alumni, and scholars to engage in meaningful dialogue about educational equity.

Leadership for the AOCC is provided by HGSE Alumni and current students through a nomination or self-nomination process. Administration of AOCC is through the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), including the annual process of selection of chairs.

Co-Chairs are paid a stipend of \$2,000 each semester (\$4,000 total) for the following responsibilities:

- Weekly meetings with OSA staff
- Develop a comprehensive program for the conference that addresses the theme; coordinate call for proposals and proposal review; responsible for all conference logistics.
- Recruiting and training student volunteers to manage the work of the conference
- Working within the financial parameters (budget) provided by the school, in conjunction with oversight by OSA
- Implementing an evaluation process for the conference
- Prepare a summary de-briefing report for the Office of Student Affairs

The ideal candidate will have:

- Displayed an interest in, and a passion for, equity in education, especially as it relates to traditionally marginalized communities
- The ability to work as part of a shared leadership structure, as well as independently
- The time to commit to ensuring that the conference is of high quality and is executed to the standards set by prior years of the conference
- The ability to communicate effectively and professionally
- The ability to recruit and train peers to assist with numerous aspects of the conference
- Some prior conference planning experience is preferred, but not required

Interested students should submit a statement of interest, as well as a current resume to the Office of Student Affairs at osa@gse.harvard.edu.