

**Botanical Society of America**  
**Student Representatives on Committees**  
**2022 - 2024**

**General Information**

**Application:** Short application (200 words or less) that includes a statement of interest highlighting your expertise, experience, and interest in serving on this particular committee and a CV. Applications are accepted December 1 – February 1. Applications can be submitted at:

<http://committees.botany.org/>

**Eligibility:** BSA student members (undergraduate and graduate) of any level are eligible to apply for these positions, unless stated otherwise.

**Appointments:** These applications will be reviewed by the Committee on Committees. Appointments will be announced in May to the beginning of July. The term length of each position is 2 years. The student should be a student at the start of the term, but does not need to remain a student for the length of the term.

**Development Committee**

*This committee will be appointing 1 graduate (Masters or PhD) or 1 undergraduate student.*

The Development Committee meets one to two times per year. This committee works with the Director-At-Large for Development and the Board of Directors to develop and enhance resources for the Society to support its programs like PlantingScience. This committee works to foster membership support, coordinate with retired members and the Legacy Society, and works to increase the BSA Endowment Fund. The goal of student representatives on this committee is to provide a student or early-career researcher's perspective on fundraising ideas or leads. [See more.](#)

**Education Committee**

*This committee will be appointing 1 undergraduate student.*

The Education Committee meets two to three times per year, as well as during the Botany meeting. The education committee focuses on all matters relating to teaching, training, and professional education in the plant sciences, including informal, K-12, undergraduate, and graduate biology education. The goal of a student representative on this committee is to provide a student or early-career researcher's perspective on how best to keep evolving the education efforts of the BSA. For example, a recent focus of this committee has been on how to revise the educational outreach portion of the BSA website. [See more.](#)

**Election Committee**

*This committee will be appointing 1 graduate (Masters or PhD) or 1 undergraduate student.*

The Election Committee oversees the BSA election during the spring semester of each year. The Executive Director, who is part of BSA staff, provides all nominations to the Committee Chair of the Elections committee (who is the past president), and on occasion the Chair may reach out to obtain additional nominations. The student

representative participates in the discussions of the committee and voting on the candidates that will stand for election.

### **Information Technology Committee**

*This committee will be appointing 1 graduate (Masters or PhD) or 1 undergraduate student.*

The Information Technology Committee meets one to two times per year and provides input regarding IT support needs of members, works with the IT staff to preview new programs or beta test new programs developed for member services (membership directory, awards portal, etc.), and offer suggestions to improve the society's web presence. The student representative for this committee would provide input and feedback on how students interact with BSA through technology and how we can help BSA do a better job supporting membership's needs in this area. A student rep would keep us up-to-date and grounded in current technology and issues of accessibility.

### **International Affairs Committee**

*This committee will be appointing 1 graduate (Masters or PhD) or 1 undergraduate student.*

The International Affairs Committee aims to link BSA with other national botanical societies outside the U.S. and connect BSA members to international botanical events, including the [International Botanical Congress \(IBC\)](#) which is held every six years. The committee informs the society regarding international activities impacting the study of plants through articles in the Plant Science Bulletin, symposiums and colloquium at the annual Botanical meetings, and other activities.