

## DOCTORAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

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The Student Representative on the REA Board of Directors acts on behalf of student members of the Association and represents the Association to graduate students on an ongoing basis and at the Annual Meeting.

The Student Representative is elected by the REA membership for a two-year term and is a voting member of the REA Board of Directors. As such, the Student Representative contributes to the whole work of the Board, including strategic planning and decision-making.

### **Responsibilities and Requirements**

- Represent the interests of students in Board discussions.
- Encourage student participation in the Association, especially its Annual Meeting (e.g., encouraging them to submit proposals, recruiting volunteers, circulating information about student travel grants and room-sharing).
- Coordinate, in consultation with the Program Chair and the Chair of the Committee on Religious Education in Academic Disciplines and Institutions, a student-focused session at the Annual Meeting (e.g., student reception, session with senior scholars, colloquy). Coordination will include participation in writing grant proposals for such programs, their evaluation, and the submission of any necessary reports to funders.
- Collaborate with the Networking Coordinator and the Committee on Religious Education in Academic Disciplines and Institutions to maintain on the REA website a current listing of doctoral programs in religious education, and grant opportunities and other resources for students.
- Meet these expectations of all REA Board members:
  - Maintain current REA membership.
  - Attend Board meetings:
    - the spring Board meeting in February or March, lasting from Thursday dinner through Sunday noon. Board members are reimbursed for expenses to attend the spring meeting;
    - the Board meetings before and after the Annual meeting, on Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon. Board members pay their own expenses.
    - the REA Annual Business Meeting;
    - the Advisory Council meeting, held Sunday noon immediately after the Annual Meeting.
  - Attend REA annual meeting and assist with moderating sessions, hosting speakers, interpreting Board actions to members, taking notes, and similar activities.
  - Serve on the Nominating Committee during the final year of one's term.
  - Assist in articulating and communicating REA's identity and vision for a broad audience.