

THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AND
THE TRUMAN SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION (TSA)**

The Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (the Foundation) and the Truman Scholars Association (TSA) recognize that involved, engaged and interested Truman Scholars are vital to the Foundation and TSA. The Foundation and TSA recognize that by working collaboratively, the two organizations can achieve the goal of an engaged Truman Scholar community for the mutual benefit of both organizations.

Truman Scholars not only serve as a living memorial to U.S. President Harry S. Truman, but also have the potential to greatly support the Foundation's mission and its ongoing work. All Truman Scholars serve as unofficial ambassadors for the Scholarship program, and experienced Scholars serve as public service mentors and career advisors to newer Scholars. Truman Scholars also serve as leaders, subject matter experts, and guest speakers at Foundation events; interview panelists during the Scholarship interview and selection process; and provide a source of financial support for Foundation initiatives. The TSA was created to foster such initiatives and to support the Foundation in each of the above areas.

The parties recognize that neither organization currently has the human and financial resources to effectively serve this growing Scholar community. Therefore, the Foundation and TSA pledge to work collaboratively and take the steps outlined below to further develop an effective Scholar Relations Program (SRP).

1. The Foundation will continue to dedicate a consultant part-time to the SRP as resources allow with a goal of dedicating one full-time staff person to SRP as soon as resources allow.
2. The TSA President or his/her designee will serve as an ex-officio advisor to the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation Development Fund Board of Directors.
3. The Foundation and TSA will collaborate in supporting at least one national event (e.g., conference or reunion) for all Scholars every 2-5 years.
4. The Executive Secretary of the Foundation or his/her designee will meet quarterly with the TSA President and/or TSA Board designee(s) to discuss joint projects under SRP and related issues of mutual interest.
5. The TSA President and/or TSA designee(s) will be invited to deliver brief updates at the Foundation Board of Trustees meetings at least once annually.




6. TSA will undertake fundraising, in collaboration with the Foundation, in the form of the Truman Scholars Annual Fund for the benefit of the SRP.
7. By the start of each fiscal year, the Foundation and TSA will agree in writing on a target goal for the annual campaign, a fundraising budget and strategy, and priorities for how proceeds will be allocated during the fiscal year (October 1 to September 31). This information will be agreed upon in advance of the fundraising so that TSA may adequately inform the Scholar community about the nature, purpose, and goals of the Annual Fund campaign.
8. In general, the Foundation and TSA agree that proceeds from the Annual Fund will be used to support the SRP, including but not limited to:
 - a. Professional part-time or full-time staffing of a jointly-managed SRP;
 - b. Events and activities for all Scholars (e.g., national and regional conferences, reunions, symposia, and workshops);
 - c. Events and activities for new Scholars (e.g., Truman Scholar Leadership Week, Summer Institute);
 - d. Participation on Foundation committees, workgroups, or task forces where Scholar presence is appropriate;
 - e. Newsletters and other communiqués published semi-annually;
 - f. Web portals, e-discussion forums, job boards, and other technologies;
 - g. A database that allows the parties to track participants in the SRP and maintain the most accurate Scholar data possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement.

Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation

Truman Scholars Association

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Name: Pooja Agarwal

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