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## Call for 2019 Convention Volunteers

Volunteer registration for NCA's 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will open July 22. To be eligible, volunteers must be student members of NCA, and membership must be current through December 1, 2019. In exchange for one complete volunteer shift, with shifts ranging from four to six hours, volunteers will receive complimentary convention registration, which includes access to all convention sessions; access to the NCA Graduate School Open House and Career Center; a chance to network with professionals in the field; and the opportunity to learn more about the Communication discipline.

Prior to registering as a volunteer, please review your other convention commitments, such as sessions in which you are presenting or plan to attend. Volunteers are required to complete their shift in full to receive complimentary registration, and they will not be permitted to leave early or arrive late due to other commitments. Please note that complimentary convention registration does not include NCA membership dues. It is recommended that potential volunteers who need to renew their membership do so at least three business days prior to registering as a volunteer to allow their membership to be processed. If you register as a volunteer, do NOT register separately for the convention or pay the registration fee. View more information on the [Volunteer Information](#) webpage.

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## Department Events

The NCA Annual Convention offers several opportunities to promote your department and celebrate its successes over the past year. Department Members of NCA qualify for discounted registration for these department events.

- **Advertising:** Share your latest departmental news and achievements by advertising in the convention program. NCA is now accepting applications for its 105<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention print program. Advertisements and payment are due by **August 23**. Departments that pay for a print program ad by July 1 will receive a complimentary banner ad in the NCA program app.
- **Graduate School Open House:** The Graduate School Open House is a great way for colleges and universities to interact with prospective graduate and doctoral students. The Open House will take place Thursday, November 14, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Every department that registers for the Graduate School Open House will be provided with a booth where faculty members and current students can speak with prospective students, as well as field general questions about admissions and their department. Due to the popularity of this event, space is sure to sell out, so register early!
- **Job Fair:** College and university departments that have open job positions can reserve a booth to meet and interview individuals looking for their next career opportunity. Every department that registers for the Job Fair will be provided with a booth that allows them to showcase open positions and their college or university. The Job Fair will be held in conjunction with the NCA Career Center on Friday, November 15, 9:00 a.m.-noon. From

1:00 to 4:00 p.m., following a one-hour lunch break, employers may invite candidates back for an opportunity to speak one-on-one in their booth.

- **Department Receptions:** Department Receptions are a wonderful opportunity to bring together current and past colleagues. NCA offers meeting space for departments to host their own receptions. NCA will assign an event space, and then departments can work directly with the catering manager to plan the perfect event. Registration for reception space will open in July.
- **Sponsorship:** Support the NCA Annual Convention and promote your department, college, or university. Sponsorships present a unique opportunity to connect with all attendees. NCA is open to new sponsorship ideas; each sponsorship is a collaboration.

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## Green Initiatives

The Baltimore Convention Center and the Hilton Baltimore aim to be leaders in environmental efforts designed to conserve resources, focus on sustainability, and reduce waste.

The Baltimore Convention Center completed a 27,000-square-foot Outdoor Terrace Green Roof in 2010. BCC is the first convention center in the country to operate SOMAT, a two-part waste reduction system that reduces solid waste up to 90 percent and produces a useable soil product, which maintains the beds on the green roof.

Hilton has reduced carbon emissions and energy consumption by more than 20 percent since 2008, has a goal to reduce water use and waste output by 50 percent by 2030, and is the first major hospitality brand to set science-based carbon targets aligned with climate science and the emissions reductions stipulated in the Paris Climate Agreement.

Visit the [Visit Baltimore](#) and [Hilton](#) websites to learn more about their environmental policies and practices.

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