



## What you need to know about PRSSA

### FAQ

**Q: What is PRSSA?**

**A:** The Public Relations Student Society of America's purpose is to foster relationships between students and practicing public relations professionals. Each month, PRSSA holds meetings in Reese Phifer and invites public relations practitioners to speak about their careers. This provides PRSSA members opportunities to network with professionals as well as learn more about scholarship and internship opportunities.

**Q: How do I join PRSSA?**

**A:** Print off an application at [uaprssa.ua.edu](http://uaprssa.ua.edu), fill it out, attach an envelope with your membership dues and turn it into our mail box located in the APR office in 412 Phifer. At the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters applications are accepted. Deadlines do apply. Contact Miah Evans, PRSSA Secretary, at [uaprssa@bama.ua.edu](mailto:uaprssa@bama.ua.edu) to inform her of a submission or if you have any questions.

**Q: Does it cost anything to join?**

**A:** Yes. PRSSA has yearly dues that apply to all PRSSA members and officers. The amount of \$65 must accompany your application to be considered a PRSSA member, be listed on the National database of members and receive all the benefits of being a member, including scholarships and internships. Dues are a national requirement for all PRSSA chapters.

**Q: When is the first meeting?**

**A:** The first meeting is September 1 at 7:30 p.m. in 216 Phifer.

**Q: When are regular PRSSA meetings?**

**A:** Regular meetings are every first Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise specified. All PRSSA members are invited. Prospective members may attend a meeting to decide if they would like to join the organization.

**Q: What are the benefits of joining PRSSA?**

**A:** Not only are you a part of a national organization for students interested in public relations but PRSSA also offers students a way to interact with public relations professionals. As a member, you are exposed to opportunities that nonmembers rarely obtain. You are able to interact with professionals and individuals with your same interest. You have the opportunity to become involved with national programs, leadership training, and numerous networking and educational opportunities.

An added benefit of membership in PRSSA is the opportunity to travel to great cities across the country to participate in the National Conference, the National Assembly and Regional Activities. This year, PRSSA will be traveling to San Diego, Calif., for the National Convention. For more information, e-mail [uaprssa@bama.ua.edu](mailto:uaprssa@bama.ua.edu).

**Q: Can I gain any "real" experience from PRSSA?**

**A:** PRSSA provides many opportunities for "real" experience such as providing you with internship opportunities that are available and also having its own student run-PR firm, Capstone Agency. Capstone Agency offers PRSSA members a way to gain real experience, if you are not able to intern during the spring or fall semester. For more information, contact Capstone Agency President Jarrett Cocharo.

**Q: Who are the faculty advisors?**

**A:** The UA PRSSA chapter faculty adviser is Professor Tracy Sims. Professor Teri Henley is the faculty adviser for the Capstone Agency.

**Q: How can I contact PRSSA?**

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