



AVS Frequently Asked Questions

Who should attend Alumni Volunteer Summit?

Alumni Volunteer Summit is a conference that brings together **current** and **prospective** Queen's volunteers for professional development and networking. Whether you volunteer with a Queen's University Alumni Association Branch or Board of Directors, help to coordinate your class reunion, volunteer with your faculty or sit on University Council, this conference is for you. If you're new to volunteering, this annual event is an ideal way to meet and learn from other experienced volunteers and volunteer leaders.

Why should I attend Alumni Volunteer Summit?

Attendees can expect to learn transferable skills that can be applied to their own work, both as volunteers and in their respective career fields. Attendees will also receive a certificate of completion.

Focused on **Effective Strategies for Marketing, Communications & Social Media**, this year's conference features keynote speakers [Dr. Sidneyeve Matrix](#) and Queen's Principal and Vice-Chancellor, [Dr. Daniel Woolf](#).

There is also an opportunity to network with other alumni and school administrators.

Where will Alumni Volunteer Summit take place?

At the [Donald Gordon Conference Centre](#) in Kingston, Ontario. Delegates will have the opportunity to book accommodation at the DGC for an additional fee when they register.

Is there a fee for Alumni Volunteer Summit? What does this include?

The cost for this conference opportunity is **\$35 (General alumni)** or **\$25 (Recent graduates, 2005 – 2015)** which includes informative workshops and professional speakers, invaluable networking opportunities, Friday dinner at the DGC Coach House Pub, Saturday breakfast, lunch, snacks, parking, all-day coffee, registration material and all facility amenities.

This price does NOT include accommodation. If delegates wish to stay at the [Donald Gordon Centre](#), additional fees will apply (\$135 / night).

Is the Donald Gordon Centre accessible?

Yes, the centre is fully accessible.

Where can I park?

The [Donald Gordon Centre](#) includes parking for all residents and conference attendees.



Is there a dress code for the weekend?

Dress for the conference portion of the weekend is business casual. If you plan to attend the Alumni Awards Gala on Saturday evening, please be advised that this is a black-tie event.

I noticed "Grad Bash" is listed as an optional activity on Friday afternoon. What is this, and how can I participate?

Grad Bash is an annual celebration for graduating students hosted by the Queen's University Alumni Association. The vision of GradBash 2016 is to successfully educate the graduating class about the power of their alumni network, demonstrating the benefits of being informed, involved, and ultimately invested alumni.

Please stay tuned for updates on how you can get involved as an alumni representative.

What is the QUAA AGM?

All graduates of Queen's University are members of the Queen's University Alumni Association. The Association is headed-up by a volunteer [Board of Directors](#), responsible for establishing priorities and policies that further the mission of the Association and advances the strategic priorities of the Association.

The QUAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) at AVS is an opportunity for the Board of Directors to provide an update on the year's activities and priorities for the upcoming year, officially install the new Board of Directors, and to solicit feedback. **All alumni are welcome (and encouraged!) to attend the AGM.** However, voting privileges are reserved for the following groups: Branch Presidents (or designates), QUAA Board Members, appointed members of University Council and Senate, current Student Leaders (AMS, SGPS, QSAA) and the Principal of Queen's University (or designate).

Please [visit the QUAA web page](#) for additional information on the QUAA Board of Directors.

How far of a walk is it to main campus from the Donald Gordon Centre?

Depending on your pace, it will likely take between 15 - 20 minutes to walk from the DGC to main campus.

Will there be time to visit campus/ shop at the Campus Bookstore etc?

Yes! Anyone coming into town on Friday is welcome to attend Grad Bash, explore campus, visit the Campus Bookstore, ARC, and/ or the Agnes Etherington Art Centre (admission is free for AVS attendees). The [conference schedule](#) includes hours of operation for easy reference.



I haven't been to campus in a while. Where is ____?

Please visit <http://www.queensu.ca/campusmap/> to view and print an interactive copy of the main Queen's campus map.

Where/How do I find out what restaurants, pubs, and services are open?

Information on visiting the many campus services and dining facilities can be found at <http://www.queensu.ca/discover/visit>.

What's new in Kingston?

Within the last few years, Market Square has been completely redone, a new large-venue entertainment centre has been built (the [K-Rock Centre](#)), and Jack Astor's opened at Brock and King Street featuring a rooftop patio. The S&R department store has been turned into commercial and retail space, with a Milestone's restaurant, pet supply store, and Marble Slab Creamery on the ground floor. There are also many new stores and restaurants along Princess Street.

Visit <http://tourism.kingstoncanada.com> for the most up-to-date information and "happenings" in the Limestone City.

What is the number for a local taxi?

Modern: 613.546.2222

Amherst: 613.542.3333

Amey's: 613.546.1111

Where can I access resources to learn more about AVS and getting more involved with the Queen's volunteer community?

Visit the Queen's [Alumni Volunteer Opportunities Directory](#) to apply for volunteer positions and access tools & resources to further your volunteer career. The Volunteer Opportunities Directory [Learning Library](#) also includes full session content (including power point presentations) from previous Alumni Volunteer Summits.

Who should I contact for more information?

Please contact Jess Koehn at volunteer@queensu.ca or 1-800-267-7837.