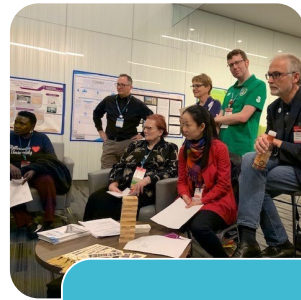


# Visiting Advisor Program

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How does VAP  
fit with your  
Global  
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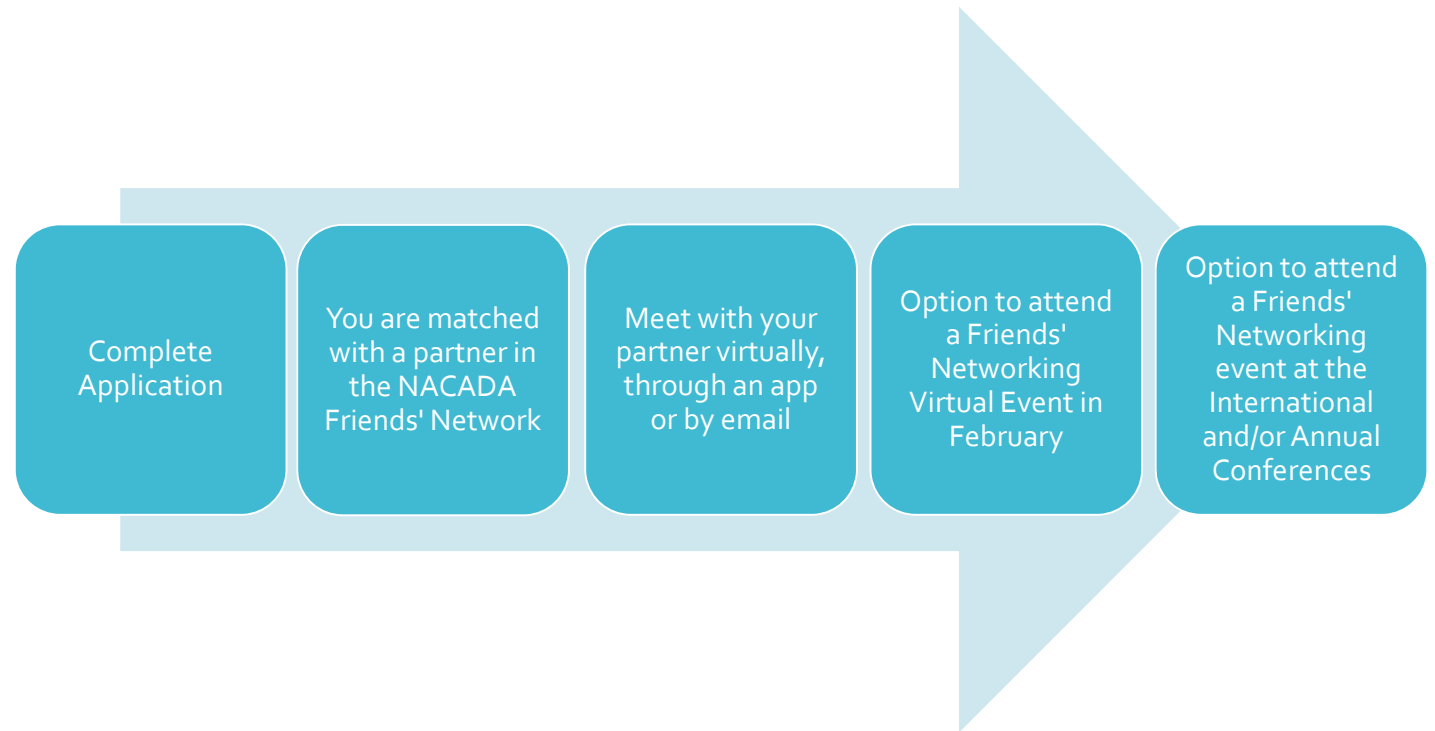
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## Friends' Network

- The **Friends' Network** offers an informal way for you to connect with academic advisers and advising administrators in other parts of your country and around the globe.
- Through the Friends' Network, NACADA is offering members and people considering membership an exciting new opportunity to discover the value of being part of our advising community.

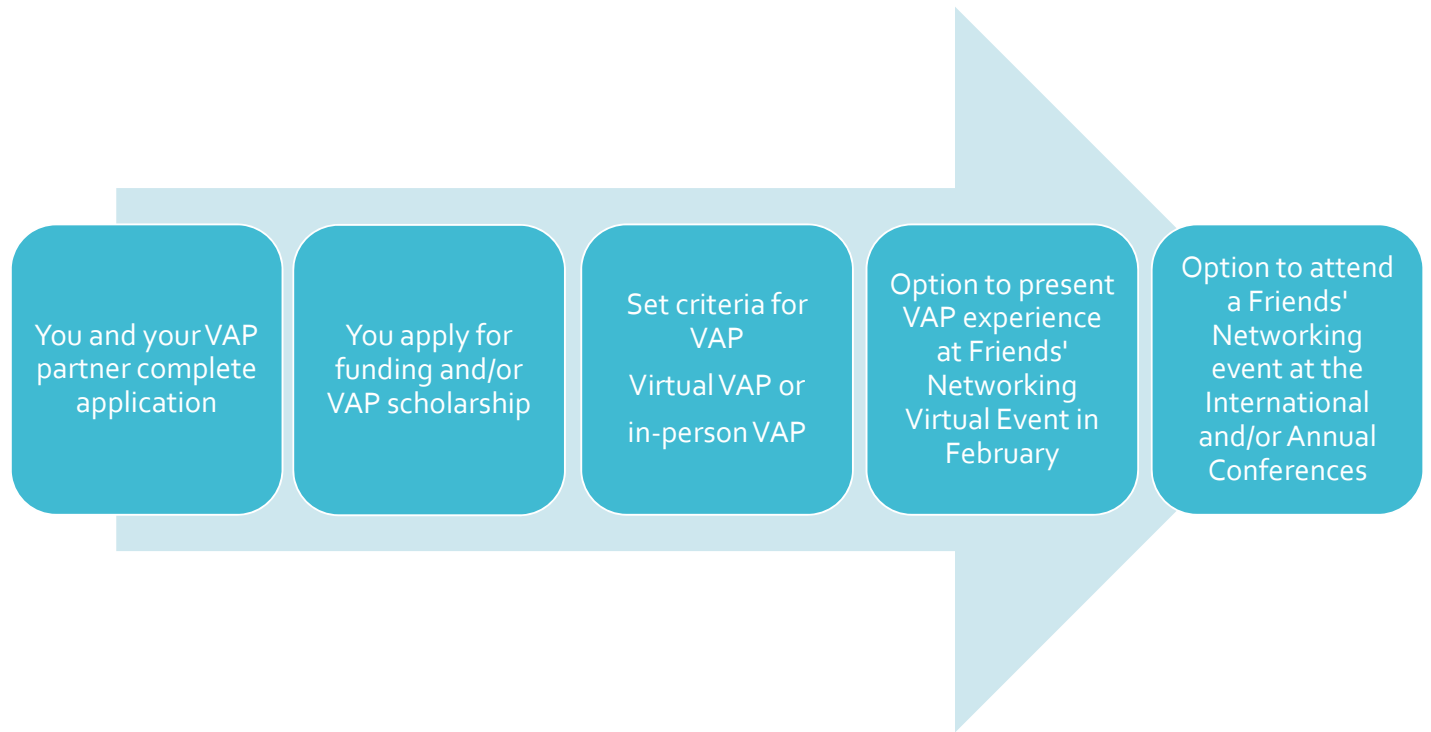
# Friends' Network

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# Purpose

- Advisor goals for professional development
- Institutional implementation of best practices
- Support NACADA's global vision

## Learning Outcomes

- Develop awareness of global advising issues in relation to local practices
- Transform their advising practices to reflect the latest trends and best practices
- Assess diverse perspectives on global advising practices
- Gain knowledge of norms and cultures of other countries and institutions and their educational systems

## Learning Outcomes

- Increase awareness of one's own values and culture framed by increased intercultural awareness and competence
- Gain international work and/or research experience
- Develop knowledge through mentorship to support career advancement
- Create new opportunities for continuing collaborations



# Benefits

## **For Individuals**

- Personal and professional growth
- Development of awareness, knowledge, and skills in academic advising
- International work experience

# Benefits

## **For Institutions/Advising Units**

- International expertise at a program level
- Collaborative research opportunities
- A wider pool of potential employees for a temporary position
- Role models and mentors to build capacity
- Leadership in the field to support program assessment and development.

# Individual Considerations

## **Individual considerations for in-person VAP include:**

- Timing for individual/position and host and home institutions
- Visa requirements
- Employee agreement and taking a leave/maintaining benefits
- Costs and financial resources
- Mentorship

## **Considerations for Virtual VAP include:**

- How time zones will influence VAP project
- Comfort level with working in virtual environment
- Knowledge and experience with technology
- Does scope of work lend itself to a virtual project?

# Institutional Considerations

Individual institution's needs and resources determine the type of VAP, including the:

- Content
- Structure
- Duration
- In-person VAP or Virtual VAP

# VAP Options

In-person VAP or Virtual VAP

- Advisor Exchange
- Special Projects

# Funding

- Funding arrangements for VAP are the responsibility of the participating advisor and host institution.
- To support participation in the VAP, NACADA is offering **2 scholarships of \$2000** each.
- The GIC will review scholarship applications

# Scholarships

## **To be eligible for this scholarship applicant must:**

- Be a current member and have been a NACADA member for two years
- Have approval of home institution and supervisor
- Have a letter of interest/offer from a host institution
- Must have worked as an academic advisor for two years with a minimum of a half-time appointment
- Previous VAP Scholarship recipients are not eligible. Current members of the GIC, BoD, and Council are not eligible for consideration for this award.

# Scholarships

**To apply for the VAP scholarship, please submit the following:**

- Personal essay
- Letter of recommendation from your supervisor
- Letter of support from host institution
- Budget



# Website and Summary



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## VAP

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Visiting Advisor Program (VAP) is designed to advance and support professional development objectives and goals of advising staff through mutual educational and cultural exchanges between institutions across the globe. The VAP ties in NACADA's commitment to support continuous learning opportunities as outlined in the new academic advising core competencies with NACADA's vision for global engagement. Experiences gained through intercultural exchanges will facilitate the implementation of best practices in academic advising globally and will strengthen international understanding and capacity in service to students. Participating institutions will have the opportunity to exchange information and ideas, thereby gaining a greater understanding and appreciation for other institutions and cultures. The VAP cultivates collaboration across the international academic advising community that also supports other institutional strategies including international, strategic enrolment management and the campus strategic plan.

Setting up a VAP can take time. If you are interested in participating in a VAP, it will take planning and you will need to accomplish a number of tasks. The links below provide further information about VAPs and the application process.

### Apply now to be a part of the VAP!

Both host institutions and individual applicants can apply here.

## Learning Outcomes

## Application

[Click Here to Apply!](#)

[Available Institutions and Individuals](#)

# GIC Initiatives

- Visiting Advisor Program
- Friends' Network
- Global Panels at Conference
- Resources on NACADA website
  - Glossary of Terms
  - Hello Video
  - Web translation
  - Global members map
- Global Lounge at International and Annual Conferences
- Liaisons for International Conference Planning Committee and Membership Committee

Thank You

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