

Advisory Board Application Sam Helmink

Hi everyone! My name is Sam Helmink, and I will be applying for the advisory board of the 34th Board of Babylon. I think I could be of added value to the Advisory Board, since I have been the Treasurer of the 32nd Board of Babylon, and I have also been a member of various committees over the past years. As Treasurer, I was responsible for the in- and outgoing money flow within the association. This year, I will also be applying for the Till Committee, which I have also been a member of last year. The committees that I have participated in are the Sports Committee in my first year, the Congress Committee in my second year, and the Weekend Committee and the Orientation Week Committee in my fourth year. I have always found it very nice to contribute to Babylon.

My strengths are that I can keep calm in stressful situations, and that I can take a look at things from various perspectives. Furthermore, I am quite aware of things that play within Babylon, which can also be seen as an advantage when in the Advisory Board.

Thanks for voting in advance!

Love,
Sam Helmink

Application letter - Advisory Board for the XXXIV board of Babylon

Dear members of Babylon,

With this letter, I would like to express my interest in becoming part of the Advisory Board for the XXXIVth board of Babylon. I feel like becoming a part of the Advisory Board would be a natural continuity after my own board year in the XXXIIIrd board of Babylon.

I think that I would have a lot to offer because of my experiences within Babylon but also for my volunteering experience for my previous exchange organisation Youth For Understanding during the past six years. During my first year of studies, I was part of the Graphic Design Committee and learned a lot about how Babylon functions and what she can offer to her members. However, most of the knowledge and experience I have, I gained as the Commissioner of Internal Affairs of the XXXIIIrd board of Babylon. I coordinated three committees, namely the Committee of Formal Activities, the Education Committee and the International Committee, so I have a lot of experience with the formal committees of Babylon. Also, I know what the board year entails and have everything still fresh in my memory to pass onwards to the new board.

Additionally, I consider myself to be a valuable asset to the board because I am an international student myself and, therefore, can offer insights from the viewpoint of internationals. This year the board does not have an international member, and to keep working towards an ever-more international Babylon, I think that my input could be helpful.

I am excited for the opportunity to continue being part of Babylon and improving the association even further through advice, support, constructive feedback and help with whatever needed.

I hope this to have informed you sufficiently, and please, if you have any questions regarding my candidacy, do not hesitate to reach out to me before or during the General Member Meeting.

Kind regards,
Sanni Granqvist

Application letter

Dear members of Babylon,

After three active years within Babylon in which I already had to experience many aspects of the association, it is the perfect moment for me to take one more step within Babylon. Hence, through this letter, I would like to express my interest in a spot in the Advisory Board of 2022-2023.

Because of the committees I have participated in and the tasks I fulfilled during my board year, I think I would be a valuable asset for the next Advisory Board. Since my first year, I have been an active member of Babylon and, throughout the years, I participated in the Study Trip Committee, Orientation Week Committee and the Weekend Committee and coordinated the Graphic Design Committee.

As the Secretary of the thirty-second board, I learned a lot about Babylon, its members and its activities. I was in contact with both members, as well as external parties, which gave me broad knowledge of the association and the values and wishes of different parties. Next to that, I was (and still am) in good contact with board members of other study associations. They gave me insights in their way of working and gave inspiration for new possibilities within our association. Moreover, during our board year, we had to come up with creative and new ideas to solve problems that did not occur before, due to covid-19. This caused us to be flexible and think of (new) possibilities, which can very helpful with giving advice.

I would really enjoy contributing to the 34th board by giving them advice whenever necessary and still be closely involved with the affairs within Babylon. The balance between giving critical feedback and compliments will be important for the new board to perform at their best and I hope I can help them by doing so.

Kind regards,

Lieke Verhoofstad

Application letter

Dear members of Babylon,

Through this application I would like to express my interest in fulfilling a position in the Advisory Board for the XXXIVth Board of Babylon. I believe I will be an asset for the Advisory Board due to the broad experience I have gotten through the years at Babylon.

I became an Active Member in my second year of the study. In my first year as an active member, I became part of the Committee of Informal Activities. There I fulfilled the position of Chair. In my second year as an active member, I decided to join two committees: the Publication Committee and the Graphic Design Committee. I became the Secretary for both committees. After that I wanted even more, thus I applied for a position in the XXXIIIrd Board of Babylon.

Being part of the XXXIIIrd Board of Babylon is the highlight of my years within Babylon. During this year I learned to be adaptable, responsible, and critical. I also learned how to communicate and react in times of crisis due to COVID-19. I have experienced all activities and know the ins and outs of background processes in the board.

I believe being part of the Advisory Board will be a fun experience for me and my fellow applicants. I believe to have the qualifications of being a member and hope the readers are to agree.

Nathan Miango

Application letter

Dear Babylonians,

More than a year ago I wrote in my Application Letter for the thirty-third board that I was ready for 'the next step'. I had played a part in the committees of Babylon for three years and wanted something more. Now that my board year has come to an end, I am ready for another step. In this letter I will explain my reasons to apply for the Advisory Board of 2022-2023.

It has been an honour to be the Chair of the thirty-third board of Babylon. One of the most important tasks of this position is to make sure the board functions well. Giving feedback to your fellow board members is essential to make sure everybody performs to their best ability. Personally, I believe that feedback should not always be negative. Paying compliments and highlighting what goes well was how I interacted with my board members to offer them support for their choices. However, not everything goes well during a board year, and especially in the beginning everybody is learning how to fill in their position. Therefore, a critical stance is also important. In the Advisory Board, I will be able to give constructive feedback from experience. The members of the thirty-fourth board of Babylon can learn from their 'mistakes' and the feedback, to make sure they perform to their best ability next time. The skills I have attained as a Chair will help me to be strict, but also kind.

Another task I had last year was to keep close contact with the Advisory Board. I have seen and learned from the way they help the board and give feedback. In my opinion, it is the task of the Advisory Board to guide the board as well as possible and to speak up if necessary. To implement a bit of marketing (since we are doing a communication study anyway), Red Bull always states that they will give you wings. In my opinion, an Advisory Board should do the same. Give them wings and they will fly.

My experience within Babylon will also be a benefit for the Advisory Board. Aside from having done a board year, I have been an Active Member for three years in different committees. I have joined the CIA, Orientation Week Committee & the Publication Committee. From organising parties and making sure first-year students feel at home, to writing funny or serious articles for the Babylon Magazine; I have a detailed insight in how both formal and informal committees go to work, and I can use this knowledge with giving advice to the thirty-fourth board.

Unfortunately, there is no guidebook called 'How to survive a board year 101' with all the tips and tricks you need to make a board year unforgettable for yourself and members. That knowledge you have to acquire from older board members and their experiences. I will not write the guidebook myself, but I am willing to give the thirty-fourth board the support they need so that they will experience the unforgettable board life. I will make sure to be there for my fellow successors to hype them up during their greatest times, and to help them in times when they need support. The past year was a rollercoaster during which me and my fellow board members have learned a lot. For the upcoming year, the thirty-fourth board will hop on this ride by running Babylon. I would love to stand on the side line cheering them on.

Kind regards,
Anna Bos

Application letter - Advisory Board XXXIVth board of Babylon

Dear members of Babylon,

Via this letter I would like to apply for the Advisory Board of the XXXIVth board of Babylon. I believe I would be of added value to the Advisory Board since I have been a member of Babylon for four years. In my years as a member of Babylon, I have been a member of the Publication Committee and the Education Committee. Furthermore, in the past year I have gained a lot of experience within the XXXIIIrd board of Babylon. As the Secretary I have obtained a lot of knowledge about Babylon and how she can grow in her best way possible. With my experience I am able to help out the XXXIVth board of Babylon obtaining their goals and lead Babylon in the best way possible.

Additionally, I consider myself to be a helpful person. I am always ready to help out other people if they struggle with something. Therefore, a place in the Advisory Board would make it possible to support Babylon by giving advice, feedback, and help with whatever they need. It would be great to contribute to Babylon next year by fulfilling this position.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Kind regards,

Imke Janssen