

User Terms of Participation & Conduct

Protopia Networking Platform

1. Welcome to the Community

Welcome to the Protopia networking platform, facilitated by Old Dominion University("Institution," "we," "us," or "our") and known as Ask a Monarch Alum (the "Platform"). This Platform is designed to connect our students and alumni for professional mentoring, networking, and career development.

By accessing or using the Platform, you agree to comply with these terms of participation and our [student](#) information policy

<https://www.odu.edu/about/policiesandprocedures/studentinfo> and the ODU Internet Privacy Statement <https://www.odu.edu/privacy>. If you do not agree, please do not use the Platform.

2. Eligibility

The Platform is intended solely for users who are at least 18 years of age and are current students, alumni, faculty, or authorized affiliates of the Institution.

3. Community Conduct

To maintain a safe, professional, and welcoming environment, you agree to adhere to the following principles:

- **Be Professional and Respectful:** Treat all participants with respect. Disagreements may happen, but unprofessional behavior, harassment, abuse, or disparagement will not be tolerated.
- **Be Inclusive:** We welcome and support people of all backgrounds and identities. Discriminatory language, hate speech, or offensive comments regarding race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, or physical/mental ability are strictly prohibited.
- **No Commercial Solicitation:** Do not use the Platform for unauthorized advertising, promotional materials, spam, pyramid schemes, or other forms of commercial solicitation.
- **Respect Intellectual Property:** Only share text, photos, or other content ("Contributions") that you have the right to share. Do not post copyrighted materials belonging to others without their express permission.

4. User-Generated Content & Moderation

- **Your Responsibility:** You are solely responsible for any content or communications you post or transmit through the Platform.
- **Our Right to Moderate:** We reserve the right, in our sole discretion, to monitor, edit, pre-screen, or delete any content that we determine violates these terms, is objectionable, or violates the rights of any third party.
- **Access Termination:** We reserve the right to restrict, suspend, or permanently terminate your access to the Platform at any time, without prior notice, if we believe you have breached these terms.

5. Third-Party Links and Resources

The Platform may contain links to third-party websites, advertisements, or external resources. These resources are provided for your convenience only. The Institution does not control, endorse, or assume responsibility for the content, privacy policies, or practices of any third-party websites, or other users.

6. Disclaimers The Platform and any connections or advice facilitated through it are provided on an "as-is" and "as-available" basis. Your use of the Platform and any professional connections made through it are at your own risk. The Institution makes no representations or warranties regarding the accuracy or suitability of the advice, connections, or information shared by users on the Platform.

7. Governing Law

These terms shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without regard to conflict of law principles. Any legal action arising under these terms shall be brought in the appropriate courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

8. Contact Us

If you have any questions about these terms or wish to report a violation of the terms, please contact us at: askamonarchalum@odu.edu.