

Notice of Election

University of Melbourne Annual Student Election 2nd-6th September 2024

Notice is hereby given that nominations will open at 12 midday on Monday 22nd July, for the 2024 University of Melbourne Annual Student Election.

Positions to be filled at the election include:

1. Office-bearers, committees and Students' Council of the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU), including the Burnley Student Department and the Southbank Department
2. The student representative on University Council.
3. Delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS)
4. Several vacant positions to be filled by by-election for the remainder of 2024

A complete list of positions appears at the end of this notice.

Nominations close at 12 midday on Friday 9th August.

Polling will take place online from Monday 2nd September until 5pm on Friday 6th September (inclusive). **All students are eligible to vote.** Links to ballots will be emailed to all students, and polling assistance locations will be open around campus. A detailed schedule of polling times and locations will be posted after close of nominations.

Tickets: Any fifteen (15) students may register a ticket to run in the election by filling in the appropriate form. Applications for Ticket Registration open and close at the same time as nominations. It is not necessary to be on a ticket to run in the election.

Tickets that are running candidates for multi-member positions should also submit a form showing the order in which they wish their candidates to appear. Candidates running for positions that cannot be held concurrently must submit a form showing which positions they wish to hold in case of a conflict. Some positions are restricted to certain students. Students nominating for these positions need to submit forms stating they are eligible for the position in question.

Ticket registration forms, candidate order forms and conflict of position forms must all be submitted by close of nominations. All forms can be completed online, or downloaded from the election website (see below). Copies may also be obtained from the Returning Officer.

Policy speeches: Candidates may also, with their nominations, submit policy statements for publication in Farrago and on the election website. Policy statements must not exceed 300 words for UMSU office-bearer positions or 100 words for all other positions. A photo session for office-bearer candidates will be organized after close of nominations.

In addition, tickets may submit a 1000-word policy statement.

Please note that **all deadlines are strict** and cannot be extended. Candidates are urged to lodge their forms well before the deadlines. Nominations, and all other forms, should be submitted at <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/elections>. Downloadable versions are also available on that website, and should be emailed as an attachment to the deputy Returning Officer or an authorised electoral official. Where this is not practicable, please contact the Returning Officer to make other arrangements. Do not post forms without prior arrangement, as no responsibility will be taken for late or lost forms under those circumstances. It is not possible to accept faxed or emailed forms.

Contact details

Visit the Election website: <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/elections>

Returning Officer: Stephen Luntz (Ph: 0438 667 787)

Deputy Returning Officer: Patrick Clearwater (Ph: 0431 666 111)

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Mail: UMSU Returning Officer, c/o Above Quota Elections, PO Box 2157, Fitzroy, VIC 3065

Notices will also be posted on the Students' Council notice board, adjacent to the Info Desk, Building 168, where possible

Positions for Election — UMSU Annual Election

Office Bearers:

President

General Secretary

Education (Academic Affairs) Officer

Education (Public Affairs) Officer

Welfare Officer

Women's Officer *

Creative Arts Officer

Activities Officer

Queer Officer *

Environment Officer

Media Officers *

Clubs & Societies Officer

Indigenous Officer *

Disabilities Officer *

People of Colour Officer *

Students' Council:

One representative of each of the following restricted constituencies:

Indigenous students *

International students *

Graduate students *
Queer students *
Students with disabilities *
Students of Colour *
Southbank students *
Fifteen (15) general members elected by all students

Seven (7) members on each of the following Committees:

Activities Committee
Creative Arts Committee
Disabilities Committee *
Education Committee
Environment Committee
Indigenous Committee *
People Of Colour Committee *
Queer Committee *
Welfare Committee
Women's Committee *

Burnley Student Department:

Campus Coordinator *
Seven (7) general Committee members *

Southbank Department:

Campus Co-ordinator *
Activities Co-ordinator *
Education Officer *
Seven (7) general Committee members *

Student Representative on University Council

One representative (Note that nomination for this position has additional eligibility criteria and has additional forms required by the University. More information about these is available on the elections website. **Candidates are strongly encouraged to nominate early so that these forms can be organized in good time).**

National Union of Students

Seven (7) Delegates to the National Conference of the National Union of Students Inc.

By-Elections for the remainder of 2024

Indigenous Committee (6 positions)
Burnley Committee (5 positions)
Burnley Campus Coordinator (1 position)

Restrictions on election

Any student may nominate for any position **unless otherwise specified below**.

The position of Media Officers must be held jointly by teams of three or four candidates. All other officer positions, except for President and General Secretary, may be held either individually or by two candidates jointly. Candidates who are running as a team should each fill out a nomination form and submit them stapled together, with a single policy statement.

If more than one person holds the office of Women's Officer, one of them must be a Woman of Colour.

For all other committees, including the Burnley and Southbank Committees and the general members of Students' Council (but not the NUS delegation), at least half of the members must be women, provided there are sufficient female candidates.

Candidates for Queer Officer, Queer Representative on Students' Council and Queer Committee must be Queer students. (See Regulation 6.1(b) for further detail.) If more than one person holds the office of Queer Officer, one of them must be a Woman or Trans.

If more than one person holds any other office, one of them must be a Woman.

Candidates for Indigenous Officer, Indigenous Representative on Students' Council and Indigenous Committee must be Indigenous students.

Candidates for Disabilities Officer, Disabilities Committee and the Disability Representative on Students' Council must be students with disabilities.

Candidates for International Representative on Students' Council must be International students.

Candidates for Graduate Representative on Students' Council must be Graduate students.

Candidates for the Burnley positions must be enrolled at the Burnley campus.

Candidates for the Southbank positions must be enrolled at the Southbank campus.

Students running for any of these positions must submit a form stating their eligibility for the relevant position.

Students running for multiple incompatible positions must submit a form indicating their order of preference.

No person can stand for election if they are employed half-time or more by UMSU, the University, a body corporate controlled by the University, the Graduate Student Association, a tenant of the University, or any combination thereof. In the case of the University Council position that includes any casual employment with the University. No person can stand for an office-bearer position if they have already served two terms of office as an office-bearer.

Students nominating for Student Representative on University Council must meet the TEQSA fit and proper person requirements.

For further information on eligibility to stand and to vote in the election, please consult the Election Regulations, available at the UMSU Office and on the election website. Copies of the Regulations can also be obtained at the Election Office, where further enquiries are welcome.

Stephen Luntz
Above Quota Elections Pty Ltd
Returning Officer
19th July 2024