



UMSU ANNUAL GENERAL ELECTION 2021

NOTICE OF ELECTION

In accordance with the University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU) Constitution and UMSU Electoral Regulations, at 12:00 pm on Monday 26 July 2021 nominations will open for the following positions:

POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED:

Office Bearers

- **President**
- **General Secretary**
- **Education (Academic Affairs) Officer**
- **Education (Public Affairs) Officer**
- **Welfare Officer**
- **Woman's Officer***
- **Creative Arts Officer**
- **Activities Officer**
- **Queer Officer***
- **Environment Officer**
- **Media Officers***
- **Clubs & Societies Officer**
- **Indigenous Officer***
- **Disabilities Officer***
- **People of Colour Officer***
- **Burnley Campus Co-ordinator***
- **Southbank Campus Co-ordinator***
- **Southbank Activities Officer***
- **Southbank Education Officer***

Students Council

- **One (1) Graduate Students Representative on Council***
- **One (1) Indigenous Students Representative on Council***
- **One (1) International Students Representative on Council***
- **One (1) Queer Students Representative on Council***
- **One (1) Students of Colour Representative on Council***
- **One (1) Students with Disabilities Representative on Council***
- **One (1) Southbank Students Representative on Council***
- **Fifteen (15) General Members on Council**

Committees – Seven (7) Members to be elected per committee

- **Activities Committee**
- **Creative Arts Committee**
- **Disabilities Committee***
- **Education Committee**
- **Environment Committee**
- **Indigenous Committee***
- **People of Colour Committee***
- **Queer Committee***
- **Welfare Committee**
- **Women’s Committee***
- **Southbank Campus Committee***

National Union of Students

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

By-Election for the Remainder of the 2021 Term

- **Three (3) Indigenous Committee Members***
- **General Secretary**
- **Environment Officer**
- **Southbank Campus Co-ordinator**
- **Burnley Campus Committee***

Any Office may be held by two or more persons jointly except the positions of President, General Secretary, Media Officer, UMSU International President and the Burnley Campus Co-ordinator.

*See Eligibility to stand criteria as listed in the UMSU Constitution

Nominations close 12:00pm on Friday 13 August 2021.

ELIGIBILITY TO STAND

Any University of Melbourne student may nominate for any position unless otherwise specified.

- Any Officer position may be held by two persons jointly except the positions of President, General Secretary, Media Officer, the Burnley Campus Co-ordinator the Southbank Students Campus Co-ordinator the Southbank Activities Officer and the Southbank Education Officer.
- The position of Media Officer will be held jointly by no less than three and no more than four persons, at least one of whom must be a Woman.

Pursuant to clause 6.1 of the Electoral Regulations:

- The Women's Officer and the voting representatives of the Women's Committee must be a Woman.
- The Voting Council Representative elected by Queer Students, the Queer Officer and the voting representatives of the Queer Committee must be Queer Students.
- If the position of Queer Officer is not held jointly, the Queer Officer must be a Woman, Trans or Non-Binary.
- If the position of Queer Officer is held jointly, one of the persons holding the position must be a Woman, Trans or Non-Binary.
- If the position of Women's Officer is held jointly, at least one of the persons holding the position must be a Woman of Colour.
- If any other Officer position is held jointly, one of the persons holding the position must be a Woman.
- The Voting Council Representative elected by Indigenous Students, the Indigenous Officer and the voting representatives of the Indigenous Committee must be Indigenous Students.
- The Voting Council Representative elected by Students with Disabilities, Disabilities Officer and the voting representatives of the Disabilities Committee must be Students with Disabilities.
- The Voting Council Representative elected by Students of Colour, People of Colour Officer and the voting representatives of the People of Colour Committee must be Students of Colour.
- The Voting Council Representative elected by International Students must be a person who is an International Student.
- The Voting Council Representative elected by Graduate Students must be a person who is a Graduate Student.

- The Voting Council Representative elected by Southbank Campus Students, the Southbank Students Campus Co-ordinator, Southbank Activities Officer, Southbank Education Officer, and the voting representatives of the Southbank Students Committee must be Southbank Campus Students.

RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms for candidates will be available on the UMSU Election webpage found [here](https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jump-in/elections/): <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jump-in/elections/>. Students wishing to nominate for the positions of Disabilities Officer, Committee or Voting Council Representative; People of Colour Officer, Committee or Voting Council Representative; Queer Officer, Committee or Voting Council Representative; or Women's Officer, Committee, must also indicate on their nomination forms that they identify with their restricted constituency.

Please submit your nomination forms via the google form link or via email to:

umsureturningofficer@gmail.com

WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATIONS

A candidate may withdraw their nomination at any time before the start of counting for their position. The withdrawal form is available on the UMSU election webpage: <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jump-in/elections/>. Please email your signed withdrawal form to umsureturningofficer@gmail.com. Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, electronic signatures will be accepted.

TICKET REGISTRATIONS

Applications to register a ticket name. must be accompanied with the signatures of 15 UMSU General Members. Tickets that are running candidates for multi-member positions must also submit a form showing the order in which they wish their candidates to appear. Given the current COVID-19 restrictions, electronic signatures will be accepted.

Ticket registration and candidate order forms must be submitted by close of nominations and are available on the UMSU election webpage: <https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jump-in/elections/>.

POLICY STATEMENTS AND CANDIDATE PHOTOS

Each candidate may submit a statement that must be no more than 300 words for Office Bearers and no more than 100 words for all other positions. Each ticket registrant with an approved ticket may submit a policy statement that must be no more than 1000 words. These statements should be delivered via email to the returning officer email address. Due to COVID, if candidates wish to have candidate photos taken, they must arrange for that themselves. Please submit candidate photos and policy statements prior to the close of nominations.

ELECTION REGULATIONS

All students wishing to nominate for a position should read UMSU's electoral regulations. Electoral regulations for the UMSU Election can be found on the Election webpage [here](https://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jump-in/elections/):
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VOTING SESSION

Voting will open 10:00 am on Monday 6 September 2021 and close 5:00 pm on Friday 10 September 2021. Voting will be conducted completely online via the BigPulse platform, with an individual voting link sent to all eligible voters via their student email at the beginning of the voting session.

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