

## NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: ELECTION OF ACADEMIC STAFF TO THE ACADEMIC BOARD 2026-2027

### 1. Notice of Election

Nominations are invited for the election of sixteen (16) Academic Board representatives of the University, consisting of two (2) non-professorial Academic Staff members (Levels A to D) from each Faculty elected by and from the non-professorial academic staff of that Faculty, and two (2) professorial Academic Staff members (Level E) from each Faculty elected by and from the professorial academic staff of that Faculty.

All positions are for a two-year term of office from 1 January 2026 until 31 December 2027 inclusive.

This election commences on **Wednesday 1 October 2025** with this call for nominations and will close with cessation of voting at 4:00pm AEDT on **Wednesday 5 November 2025**.

The Academic Board is the peak academic governance body at ACU and is governed under clause 25 of the [ACU Constitution](#) and [Statute 2.5 - The Academic Board](#), which includes details of the composition and responsibilities of the Academic Board. Further information about the Academic Board is available from the [Academic Board website](#).

This election will be conducted under the provisions of [Statute 8.3 - Elections to the Academic Board](#).

### 2. Call for Nominations and Eligibility

Nominations are invited from members of the academic staff of each faculty, as follows:

- Clause 2(g) of Statute 2.5 requires that two members of the Professoriate are to be elected from each faculty. To be eligible to nominate or vote in this category of election, an academic staff member must be employed on a continuing or fixed-term basis as a full-time or part-time member of the professoriate (that is, employed as a Level E member of the academic staff of the University with substantive salary prescribed by [Schedule 1 - Part A of the Enterprise Agreement](#) (as defined in clause 32.1 of the ACU Constitution). Note that this excludes Executive Deans, Directors of Research Institutes and other senior academic managers.
- Clause 2(h) of Statute 2.5 stipulates that two non-professorial academic staff members will be elected from each faculty. To be eligible to nominate or vote in this category of election, an academic staff member must be employed on a continuing or fixed-term basis as a Level A to D full-time or part-time member of the academic staff of the University with substantive salary prescribed by [Schedule 1 - Part A of the Enterprise Agreement](#).

If you would like to check eligibility before participating as a nominee, please contact [governance.elections@acu.edu.au](mailto:governance.elections@acu.edu.au).

Please note that casual academic staff are ineligible to participate in this election.

### 3. Election Timeline

Activity	Date
Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 1 October 2025
Nominations close	4:00pm AEDT, Wednesday 15 October 2025
Voting commences (where required)	10:00am AEDT, Wednesday 22 October 2025
Voting closes	4:00pm AEDT, Wednesday 5 November 2025
Results declared	On or around Friday 7 November 2025

#### 4. Form of Nomination

This election will be conducted via the BigPulse electronic electoral platform. All eligible academic staff will be invited by direct email to self-nominate, and nominations are to be returned online using the personalised nomination link provided in the invitation.

Nominations must be received by 4:00pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 15 October 2025. **Nominations received after this date and time will not be accepted.**

As a part of the nomination process, candidates are required to provide a biographical statement of not more than 250 words in support of their candidature. This is to be entered into the nomination platform via BigPulse. Candidates may also wish to provide a suitable photograph to accompany the biographical statement. Both the statement and photo will be provided to the electorate as part of the ballot process to facilitate voting.

If more nominations are received than positions available, the appointment will proceed to a ballot as per the timeline stated above.

#### 5. Further information

Further information may be obtained by emailing the Governance Directorate via [governance.elections@acu.edu.au](mailto:governance.elections@acu.edu.au).

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