
Student Member(s) of the Academic Board



- Position:** There are two student members provided for in the composition of Academic Board, under clause 2(p) of [Statute 2.5 - The Academic Board](#).
- Term:** 1 January 2026 – 31 December 2026. Tenure is for one year only. Student Members may stand for re-election.
- Appointment:** Student members on Academic Board are elected by all enrolled undergraduate and postgraduate students who are undertaking at least one (1) unit in an award course of study or are actively enrolled in a Higher Degree by Research award course at the University.
- Summary:** The elected Students are the student member(s) of Academic Board, a committee of the University's Senate. Academic Board is responsible for administering and implementing the academic policies and programs of the University. The Student Members contribute to the broad academic governance of the University.

The Role of Student Member(s) on Academic Board

The elected Students are the Student Members of the Academic Board of Australian Catholic University.

The Student Members do not represent students on Academic Board, but rather bring an independent perspective as students of the University to the deliberations of Academic Board. The Student Members support and articulate the Mission of the University.

A standing committee of the University Senate, the Academic Board is responsible for all academic matters relating to the University and advises the Senate and the Vice-Chancellor and President on all developments and initiatives, including quality, in relation to the teaching and research activities of the University (see clause 5 of [Statute 2.5 - The Academic Board](#)).

The Student Member duties include:

- Being an active and informed member of the Academic Board
- Contributing to the broader academic governance processes of the University
- Reporting to Academic Board on student matters relevant to Board's deliberations
- Attending five face-to-face and virtual meetings of Academic Board and an in-person Governance Day
- Attending some University functions as a member of Academic Board



The role of Student Member of Academic Board is one that is undertaken in addition to your study commitments. This reflects the University's value of volunteerism and service to the community as critical aspects of student leadership. Tenure is for one year only.

Costs associated with attendance at Academic Board meetings (held in Sydney) will be covered by the University, and an allowance also applies to these positions to enable the Student Members of Academic Board to prepare for, and make meaningful contributions to, the activities of the Academic Board. The details of this allowance are provided for in the [Student Members Workload and Recognition Policy](#).

Criteria to be a Student Member of Academic Board

The following characteristics would contribute to success in the role of Student Member:

- Clear understanding of, and engagement with, the University's Mission and Vision
- Ability to understand the responsibilities of being a member of a University Committee and the academic governance of the University
- An interest in the ongoing development of the University and in contributing to the achievement of current and future excellence
- Acts with integrity
- Organised and hardworking
- Enthusiastic and proactive
- Able to collaborate and consult effectively with fellow members of Academic Board, students, staff and University stakeholders
- Able to contribute to decision making for the good of the University at large
- Able to manage competing priorities
- Effective communications and interpersonal skills
- Leadership ability and experience



Development

The Governance Unit will organise an induction for the two successful candidates to provide the relevant preparation and development required to understand the governance and policy related responsibilities of this important position.