

NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN 2027

1. Notice of Election

An election for the appointment of student leaders of the ACU National Student Association (ACUNSA) and the Campus Student Associations will commence on Wednesday 26 August 2026 and conclude at close of voting on Wednesday 23 September 2026. These elections will be conducted in accordance with [Statute 9 Student Organisations](#), the [Election Manual](#) and the Constitutions of ACUNSA and the Campus Student Associations. Further details regarding the positions available (including position descriptions), the nomination and voting process, and the Student Associations are accessible below.

2. Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the following student representative positions for a term of office from 1 December 2026 to 30 November 2027 inclusive; position descriptions are available via the links provided.

ACU National Student Association (ACUNSA)

- [President, ACU National Student Association \(ACUNSA\)](#)
- [First Peoples Student Representative \(ACUNSA\)](#)
- [International Student Representative \(ACUNSA\)](#)
- [Postgraduate Student Representative \(ACUNSA\)](#)
- [Online Student Representative \(ACUNSA\)](#)

Campus Student Associations

For each of the Ballarat, Blacktown, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne, North Sydney and Strathfield Campuses:

- [President, Campus Student Association \(CSA\)](#)
- [Council Member \(CSA\)](#)
- [First Peoples Student Representative \(CSA\)](#)
- [International Student Representative \(CSA\)](#)
- [Postgraduate Student Representative \(CSA\)](#)

3. Election Timeline:

Activity	Date
Notice of election and call for nominations	Wednesday 26 August 2026
Nominations close	4pm, Wednesday 9 September 2026
Voting commences (where required)	10am, Wednesday 16 September 2026
Voting closes	4pm, Wednesday 23 September 2026
Results declared	Friday 25 September 2026

4. Information about the Student Associations

Further information regarding ACUNSA and the Campus Student Associations is available on the [Student Life](#) website, including links to the Facebook sites for each Campus Student Association.

Additional information regarding the specific responsibilities of each position for which elections are taking place is available via the links provided above.

5. Eligibility to Nominate and Vote

In general, any undergraduate, postgraduate coursework or postgraduate research student who is enrolled in an award course at the University is eligible to stand for office (nominate) and vote in the election of student leaders. Note, however, that many election categories are restricted to students who meet specific criteria (such as membership of a Campus Student Association). Further information regarding the electorates for specific positions is available below.

Students are permitted to nominate for up to three positions but, except as permitted under clause 26 of [Statute 9](#), a student may only hold one position at a time. Students who already hold elected student leadership positions in 2026 may be eligible to nominate for a second term of office (please consult [Statute 9](#) and the [Election Manual](#) for specific advice if you are currently appointed and seek re-election).

6. Form of Nomination

Students must self-nominate using the [Nomination Form](#). The Call for Nominations will be sent at 10:00am on Wednesday 26 August 2026.

As part of the nomination process, candidates are required to provide a biographical statement of not more than 250 words in support of their candidature in the appropriate section of the nomination portal. Candidates must also 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.

Completed nominations must be received no later than 4:00pm on Wednesday 9 September 2026. **Nominations received after this date and time will not be accepted.**

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

7. Membership of a Campus Student Association

To nominate for a student leadership position in ACUNSA or a Campus Student Association (CSA), students must be registered as members of the relevant Campus Student Association by close of nominations for the nomination to be valid. Any nomination for which the nominee is not a member of the appropriate Campus Student Association will be declared invalid.

To join a Campus Student Association, please visit the [Student Life](#) website.

8. Campaign Guidelines

Students participating in this election are required to read and adhere to the provisions of the [Election Manual](#) (which includes campaign guidelines).

9. Student Leadership Recognition

In accordance with clauses 35 to 39 of [Statute 9](#), ACU provides the President and Office Bearers of ACUNSA and of each Campus Student Association an *ex gratia* payment which is based on a set percentage of the Australian Government Research Training Program Stipend (base level) as follows: ACUNSA President 60%; other ACUNSA Office Bearers 30%; Campus Student Association Presidents 50%; and other Campus Student Association Executive Officers 25%. These Allowances are provided while the Student Leaders remain in office.

Further information is available in [Statute 9](#).

10. Further information

Further information may be obtained by emailing the Governance Directorate via governance.elections@acu.edu.au

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Returning Officer
26 August 2026

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ELECTORATE, NOMINATIONS AND VOTING INFORMATION

To be considered an enrolled student as defined in this table, a student must be an undergraduate, postgraduate coursework or postgraduate research student who is enrolled in an award course at the University.
 See also the [Election Manual](#) for further criteria.

Elections	Positions	Nominate (who can stand for election)	Ballot (who can vote)
Senate	Student Member of Senate	All enrolled students.	All enrolled students.
Academic Board	Student Member (2 positions)	All enrolled students.	All enrolled students.
ACU National Student Association(ACUNSA)	President	All enrolled students who are also members of a Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period.	All enrolled students.
	First Peoples Student Representative (ACUNSA)	All enrolled students who are also: - members of a Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period; and - identify and are recognised as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander and are recorded as such in the University's student administration systems.	All enrolled students who identify and are recognised as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander and be recorded as such in the University's student administration systems.
	International Student Representative (ACUNSA)	All enrolled students who are also: - members of a Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period; and - recorded as an International student in the University's student administration systems.	All students who are recorded as an International student in the University's administration systems.
	Postgraduate Student Representative (ACUNSA)	All enrolled students who are also: - members of a Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period; and - recorded as a Postgraduate student in the University's student administration systems.	All students who are recorded as a Postgraduate student in the University's administration systems.
	Online Student Representative (ACUNSA)	All students who are enrolled in an Online course of study as recorded in the University's student administration systems.	All students who are eligible to nominate.

Campus Student Associations: • Ballarat (Aquinas) • Blacktown (Bakhita) • Brisbane (McAuley) • Canberra (Signadou) • Melbourne (St Patrick's) • North Sydney (MacKillop) • Strathfield (Mount St Mary)	President (1 per campus)	All enrolled students who are also members of the relevant Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period.	All students enrolled at the relevant campus.
	First Peoples Student Representative (CSA) (1 per campus)	All enrolled students who are also: • members of the relevant Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period; and • identify and are recognised as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander and are recorded as such in the University's student administration systems.	All students enrolled at the relevant campus who also identify and are recognised as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander and are recorded as such in the University's student administration systems.
	International Student Representative (CSA) (1 per campus)	All enrolled students who are also: • members of the relevant Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period; and • recorded as an International student in the University's administration systems.	All students enrolled at the relevant campus who are also recorded as an International student in the University's student administration systems.
	Postgraduate Student Representative (CSA) (1 per campus)	All enrolled postgraduate coursework and research students who are also: • members of the relevant Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period.	All postgraduate coursework and research students enrolled at the relevant campus.
	CSA Councillor	All enrolled students who are also: • members of the relevant Campus Student Association by close of the nomination period.	All students enrolled at the relevant campus.