

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS TO STUDENT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN 2021

### 1. Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the following elections for the calendar year 2020:

- a) Student Member of Senate (Student Senator)
- b) Student Member of Academic Board (x2)
- c) President, ACUNSA (ACU National Student Association)
- d) President, Postgraduate Student Association
- e) Vice-President (Coursework), Postgraduate Student Association
- f) Vice-President (Research), Postgraduate Student Association
- g) President (Campus Student Associations) (one for each of the North Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Ballarat and Strathfield Campuses)
- h) Vice-President (Campus Student Associations) (one for each of the North Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Ballarat and Strathfield Campuses)
- i) Secretary (Campus Student Associations) (one for each of the North Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Ballarat and Strathfield Campuses)
- j) Treasurer (Campus Student Associations) (one for each of the North Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Ballarat and Strathfield Campuses)

### 2. Position Responsibilities and Descriptions

The responsibilities of the positions for which nominations are being called are contained in the following:

Senate  
Academic Board  
Student Associations

### 3. Terms of Office

Terms of office for the elected positions are as follows:

- a. Senate (Student Member): 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021
- b. Academic Board (Student Members): 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021
- c. ACU Student Association President: 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021
- d. Postgraduate Student Association positions: 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021
- e. ACU Student Association positions: 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021

### 4. Nominations Information (being nominated, nominating and voting)

Undergraduate and postgraduate (coursework and research degree) students are eligible to nominate, be nominated and vote in the elections for student leadership positions for office in 2021. Eligible students may be nominated to one position not multiple positions from those listed under 1. above. Students who already hold elected student leadership positions in 2020 are eligible to nominate for a second term of office. Full eligibility detail is summarised [here](#).

## 5. Membership of a Campus Student Association

To nominate or be nominated for any of the Student Association positions [as per g-j in 1. above], students must have membership with their home campus Student Association by the date of close of nominations or the nomination will be invalid. To nominate or be nominated for the President of ACUNSA [as per c in 1. above], students may have membership with any Campus Student Association for the nomination to be valid. To join a Campus Student Association, please complete the [online membership form](#).

## 6. Form of Nomination

- a. There shall be a separate nomination for each nominee;
- b. Online nominations are to be completed using the BigPulse online voting system in accordance with instructions which will be emailed to eligible students;
- c. For each nominated student, there is to be a nominator and seconder;
- d. Candidates are required to provide a biographical statement of not more than 200 words in support of their candidature as part of the online nomination;
- e. Candidates are required to provide a suitable photograph to accompany their biographical statement.

## 7. Close of Nominations and Election Timeline

Nominations must be submitted online not later than midnight on Sunday, 13 September 2020 (AEST). **Nominations received after this date and time will not be accepted.** The election timeline is as follows:

Monday, 31 August	Call for Nominations (email sent to students)
Sunday, 13 September	Close of Nominations
Monday, 21 September	Commencement of Polls (as required)
Sunday, 4 October	Close of Polls
Week of Monday, 5 October	Declarations of Poll

## 8. Campaign Guidelines

Students participating in this election are required to read and adhere to the provisions of the [Campaign Guidelines](#).

## 9. Student Leadership Recognition

In accordance with Statute 9.1.26-28 and Senate approved policy, as an ex gratia payments to recognise contributions to the university and required workload to fulfil responsibilities referred to in 2. above, ACU provides the President of ACUNSA, the President of ACU Postgraduate Association, the President of each Campus Student Association, the student member of Senate and the student members of the Academic Board with a payment which is equivalent to 40% of the Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend (base level). The University provides the Vice-President (Coursework) and the Vice-President (Research) of the Postgraduate Association with an allowance which is equivalent to 20% of the Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend (base level). The Allowances are provided for the terms of office for each position. Full detail is provided [here](#).

## 10. Further information

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

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