

NUS UK Conference Delegate Role Description

If you're interested in the work of the National Union of Students (NUS), curious about what student activism looks like at the national level and focused on ensuring that Edinburgh's 43,000 members are well-represented, then you could be the perfect NUS Conference delegate.

What does the role involve?

As the Students' Association's delegate at NUS UK Conference, you'll be responsible for **representing the views of Edinburgh students to the wider student movement and the leadership of the National Union of Students.**

You'll need to work with our other delegates – including those already elected in October – to **gather feedback** from students across the University and **identify potential conference motions**. Once the conference agendas have been published, you'll need to **conduct research** into student opinion and existing Students' Association policy, to inform how you **vote at the conference**.

How much of a commitment is the role?

Delegates must attend NUS UK Conference on April 6th-8th, which will take place online.

However, we would also encourage you to spend time ahead of the conference preparing by **reading the conference agenda** and **speaking with students about their thoughts on the motions**, so that you can get the most out of the experience.

What support is available in the role?

As a Delegate at NUS UK Conference you'll be supported by staff within the Students' Association's Representation and Democracy team. They'll be on-hand to answer your questions and help you prepare for the Conference.

What would I get out of the role?

If you've been an active member of your School community, becoming an Undergraduate School Representative is a great opportunity to **give something back**, while **shaping the student experience at Edinburgh for the future**.

In the role, you'll develop **key transferable skills** like leadership, negotiation, relationship management and communication, and the experiences you have as a Delegate will give you **plenty to talk about in job interviews and on your CV**.



Provided you're active in your role, you'll receive **recognition on your [Higher Education Achievement Record](#)**, and you'll also have the chance to complete an **Edinburgh Award** focused on representing students.

Where can I get more information about the role?

If you have any questions regarding the role of NUS UK Conference Delegate, you can contact the following people:

- Sarah Moffat, Representation and Democracy Manager

If you have any questions regarding the elections, please email elections@eusa.ed.ac.uk.

If I decide to stand, what are the next steps?

The first step is to **check that you're eligible** – in order to become a NUS UK Conference Delegate, you need to be a matriculated student when you stand *and* when the conference takes place in April 2021. You also need to be able to attend the conference on April 6th to 8th, so check your diary is clear

If you're eligible, then once nominations have opened on January 11th you can [click here](#) to **submit your nomination** – you'll just need to fill out some basic details. The deadline for nominations is 17:00 on February 17th.

After your nomination has been submitted, we'll email you once your nomination is confirmed.

Once your nomination has been confirmed you'll need to **upload your candidate photo and manifesto**, letting students know why they should vote for you. Candidates who have completed their manifesto are significantly more likely to be elected, so it's important you do this before the deadline on 17:00 on February 24th.

There's lots of advice on **planning your campaign** available online [here](#), including specific guides on Creating your Manifesto, Creating Posters and Flyers, and Campaigning on Social Media.

If you would like to **meet with a Students' Association staff member to discuss your campaign**, please email elections@eusa.ed.ac.uk.

