NUS Scotland 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 40,000 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 Scotland 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 conferences 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?

The core part of your role as a NUS Scotland Conference Delegate is attending the conference on March 19th and March 20th 2020.

However, we would 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 Scotland 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?

Attending a National Union of Students Conference is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about students’ experiences across the whole of Scotland, network with students like you who are passionate about education and social change and have your say on the work of NUS Scotland.

In the role, you’ll develop key transferable skills like leadership, negotiation, relationship-management and communication, and the experiences you have as a NUS Scotland Conference Delegate will give you plenty to talk about in job interviews and on your CV.
Where can I get more information about the role?

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

- Sarah Moffat, Representation and Democracy Manager, sarah.moffat@eusa.ed.ac.uk
- Andrew Wilson, President and NUS Scotland Conference Delegate, president@eusa.ed.ac.uk

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 Scotland Conference Delegate, you need to be a matriculated student when you stand and when the conference takes place in March 2020. You also need to be able to attend the conference on March 19th and 20th, so check your diary is clear.

If you’re eligible then click here to submit your nomination – you’ll just need to fill out some basic details. The deadline for nominations is 23:59 on February 19th.

Once your nomination has been submitted, we’ll double check your eligibility and 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 at 12:00 on February 26th.

There’s lots of advice on planning your campaign available online here, including specific guides on Creating your Manifesto, Creating Posters and Flyers, In-person Campaigning 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.