

Postgraduate School Representative: Role Description

What would I be doing?

As a Postgraduate School Rep, you'll be responsible for representing postgraduate taught and postgraduate research students in your School.

You'll need to gather feedback from students on issues like teaching and learning, student support, extracurricular opportunities, and sense of community, and pass them on to relevant staff to help improve your School.

You might also have opportunities to attend School, College and University level committees where you'll be representing students like you to senior staff and having your say on the policies and processes that shape postgraduate students' lives.

Why should I stand?

Last year, 86% of our Postgraduate School Reps said they'd recommend the role. They reported feeling more connected with the University community as a result of being elected, and said the role had helped them develop leadership skills and increased their confidence.

From sitting on School Learning and Teaching Committees and taking part in Postgraduate Programme Reviews, to communicate students' feedback, and ensuring postgraduate students had a voice at the College level, last year's Postgraduate School Reps made a real difference to the University and you could continue that work.

What would be expected of me?

Our elected rep roles are flexible and designed to fit around your academic work.

There will always be opportunities to take on additional responsibilities, but we'd be looking for you to do the following:

- Gather feedback from your peers – using your own networks, and our Programme Reps – and communicate any issues arising to relevant staff in your School
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in relevant meetings within your School, including postgraduate committees and Student Staff Liaison Committees
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in relevant Students' Association meetings including Student Council and School Rep Forums
- Work with other elected reps including your School's Undergraduate School Rep, other Postgraduate School Reps in your College, and the University-wide Postgraduate Reps to identify and address issues affecting postgraduate students

What support would I get?

We want to help you get the most out of your role, so we offer the following support to all our Postgraduate School Representatives:

- Comprehensive training, early in semester one, to ensure you have all the knowledge and skills you'll need for the year ahead
- Access to skills-based training for student leaders throughout the year
- Regular contact with our Vice President Education Steph, who can support you in raising or escalating any issues
- Regular contact with our Academic Representatives Officer Natalie, who can offer practical support and advice relating to your role

What if I have questions?

If you'd like to know more about the role, or want to check something before standing, just email elections@eusa.ed.ac.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Once you've nominated yourself, we can also arrange for you to sit down with a relevant staff member to discuss your campaign.