

Postgraduate Taught and Postgraduate Research Representatives: Role Description

What would I be doing?

As our Postgraduate Taught or Postgraduate Research Rep, you'll be responsible for representing postgraduate taught or postgraduate research students across the University.

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 postgraduate experience at the University.

You sit on 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, 88% of our Elected 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 reviewing University-wide policies, improving postgraduate accommodation, and supporting students to campaign on the issues that matter to them, last year's 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, our Elected Reps, and our Programme Reps – and communicate any issues arising to relevant staff
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in relevant University meetings, including Senate Committee meetings
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in relevant Students' Association meetings including Student Council
- Work with other elected 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 our Postgraduate Taught and Postgraduate Research 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 Representation team, 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.