

Dear Student,

Thank you for considering standing to be a council member on Glasgow University's Students' Representative Council.

Getting involved in the SRC is a great way to meet new people, build your CV and help improve the student experience for everyone. Whether you're running to be a School Representative or College Convenor, one of our Equal Opportunity Officers or a Sabbatical Officer the decision to get involved and represent students may be one of the best decisions you've made at university.

The Students' Representative Council represents students on many university committees at different levels. From University Court to the Student Experience Committee, we deal with issues relating to student welfare, learning and teaching, accommodation, study spaces, the digital experience and much more.

Please contact us if you would like a full list of the committees on which the SRC has a seat.

Although representation is a key focus, we do a lot more than that. Our sabbatical officers and council members organise a range of exciting and engaging events, which are focal points within the University's calendar, and these aim to benefit students alongside the wider community. Some of our big annual events include our Raising and Giving week, the Student Teaching Awards, the Volunteering & Clubs and Societies Awards, and many more. We also lead on several campaigns, such as preventing gender-based violence, mental health awareness and suicide prevention, as well as promoting crucial calendar dates such as Transgender Day of Visibility and Black History Month. Council members are also invited to a wealth of social events, including our Annual Council Dinner in spring.

There are also other ways you can get involved in the work the SRC does, such as through Volunteering, Student Media or helping with Welcome Week. I hope that your interest in supporting the student body on a wide range of issues will continue, and that you will involve yourself and engage with the SRC and its varied events and opportunities throughout the year.

There is financial support for SRC election candidates to help cover some of the costs associated with canvassing such as printing costs for leaflets and posters. This support is available to all candidates, and the sum available to each candidate will depend on the number of candidates who wish to receive this assistance. Details on how to apply and the process are available [here](#).

Being part of the SRC is a truly unique experience; I have loved my time on council so far and I'm so thankful for the skills, experiences, and friendships I've gained

along the way. I would recommend the opportunity to everyone - you won't regret it!

Best of luck with your campaign and remember, if you have any questions don't hesitate to email elections@src.gla.ac.uk with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Hailie Pentleton-Owens
SRC President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'hpo', written in a cursive style.

ELECTION INFORMATION **GUIDE TO POSITIONS AVAILABLE** **POSTGRADUATE COLLEGE CONVENOR**

SPONSORS REQUIRED – 6

SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY –

- **Must be a fully registered student at the University of Glasgow.**
- **Must be studying within the College the candidate is standing for.**
- **Must be a postgraduate student.**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE - 4

1 x Postgraduate Convenor – Social Sciences

1 x Postgraduate Convenor – Science & Engineering

1 x Postgraduate Convenor – Medical Veterinary and Life Sciences

1 x Postgraduate Convenor – Arts

START DATE – 16TH October 2023

END DATE – 30TH June 2024

Job Description

The SRC recognises that Postgraduate students require dedicated representation on academic and social issues. A Postgraduate Convenor, therefore, represents the Postgraduate students at their college. In this way, their role is like that of a College Convenor, but their specialised knowledge of the Postgraduate community tailors them to a more specific group. Four Convenors are elected, one from each College: Science & Engineering; Medical, Veterinary, and Life Sciences; Arts; and Social Sciences. The responsibilities of a Postgraduate Representative can vary greatly, and they are an integral part of Council's function. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Working together to organise working groups to discuss issues raised by students.
- Informing Council and liaising regularly with the VP Education and President

- Attending College Meetings with relevant members of University staff to discuss issues regarding the University environment, the learning process, and course information.
- Contacting students to advise them of SRC practices and initiatives, and to update students on any issues raised.
- Awareness of the wider issues affecting Postgraduate students at a local and national level.
- Engage with postgraduate community via user groups and the Gilchrist Postgraduate Club.

In addition to these responsibilities, Postgraduate Convenors are expected to attend all Student Council meetings and University Senate meetings and must occasionally represent the SRC on relevant University academic committees. Opportunities will also arise for election to various University committees and positions. The position of Postgraduate Representative is, therefore, challenging and rewarding in equal measure.

SRC Committees and Working Groups

The SRC may establish sub committees or working parties to consider certain areas of its work and sometimes consider policy motions. College Convenors may participate in the work of such committees and groups (and can suggest the establishment of new groups or committees).

University Committees

Council votes in autumn to elect members to sit on a variety of University committees, including Library Committee, Museums and Galleries Committee, Senate, Senate Disciplinary and Student Support Development Committee. Please contact the PA to the Permanent Secretary for a full list of committees.

CHECKLIST

PLEASE CHECK YOU HAVE:

- Completed an online nomination form and submitted the form by Friday 29th September, 12pm.
- Checked that your sponsors are all fully registered students of the University of Glasgow and eligible to sponsor the position you are standing for. **We recommend that you add additional sponsors to help you meet your quota in case any of your selected sponsors are not eligible.**
- Made sure all your sponsors are confirmed by Friday 29th September, 4pm.
- Submitted the following to elections@src.gla.ac.uk by Friday 29th September, 4pm:
 - Photograph of yourself
 - Photograph of your Student ID
 - Your manifesto (max. 200 words, saved as a Word document)
 - Your manifesto summary (no more than 280 **characters**)
- Read the job description.
- Read and understood the election rules and regulations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Deputy Returning Officer, on elections@src.gla.ac.uk

<https://www.glasgowunsrc.org/representation/elections/>