

The top half of the image features a vibrant pink background. In the upper left corner, there is a dark blue rectangular logo with the text 'GOLDSMITHS STUDENTS' UNION!' in white and yellow. Below the logo, a black and white photograph of a modern building with large glass windows and a corrugated metal section is visible. A large, intricate sculpture made of many overlapping, curved metal bands is positioned in front of the building, extending across the upper right portion of the image.

**GOLDSMITHS
STUDENTS'
UNION!**

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Thank you for your interest in running for an elected role at Goldsmiths Students' Union. This pack will provide you with all the information that you will need to stand as a candidate.

WHAT IS GOLDSMITHS SU?

We're the heart & voice of the Goldsmiths student body.

Goldsmiths Students' Union is a charity representing over 10,000 students studying at Goldsmiths, University of London. We're here to provide support and advice to make university life easier, whilst representing students on the issues that matter.

Goldsmiths Students' Union is a democratic organisation, run for students by students.

We represent the views of Goldsmiths students through our team of elected Officers, who are elected annually and are supported by a permanent staff team. In addition to being the voice of Goldsmiths students, we also run commercial services such as the SU Shop, the SU Cafe, the Nursery, which fund services for students such as clubs, societies and the Advice Service.

We are currently seeking motivated and talented students to join our Board of Trustees as Student Trustees, helping to shape the future of our organisation and the student experience at Goldsmiths.

STUDENT TRUSTEE (X4)

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the Students' Union. Its primary responsibility is to ensure that the Union operates effectively, adheres to legal and constitutional requirements, and remains financially and strategically sound.

Our Board is made up of:

- Sabbatical Trustees - elected students who have recently graduated or are taking time away from their studies.
- Student Trustees - current elected students.
- External Trustees - appointed members from outside the student body.

This structure ensures that decision-making is both student-focused and strategic, promoting the sustainability and long-term success of the organisation.

AS A STUDENT TRUSTEE, YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO:

- Attend approximately five meetings per year, including Board meetings and relevant sub-committees.
- Attend three Student Forum Meetings and the union's Annual General Meeting
- Participate in training and induction sessions to understand your role.
- Prepare thoroughly for meetings by reading materials and Board papers in advance.
- Maintain regular communication with other Trustees via email, providing feedback and insights as needed.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR ENGAGED AND PASSIONATE STUDENTS WHO ARE EAGER TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS' UNION.

Although you will receive full training, a Student Trustee should possess the following skills and abilities:

- Offer constructive challenge to Union management and elected officers.
- Utilise personal skills and experiences to help advance the Union's goals.
- Think critically to provide honest feedback while supporting the Union.
- Hold and justify opinions based on evidence and analysis.
- Listen and contribute thoughtfully to debates and discussions.
- Advocate for the Students' Union within and beyond the university community.
- Network effectively on behalf of the Union, building relationships and connections.

We seek individuals who demonstrate the following qualities:

- Integrity: Upholding honesty and strong moral principles in all actions.
- Respect: Being friendly and considerate to create a positive, inclusive environment.
- Empowerment: Supporting others, enabling them to fulfil their roles and reach their potential.
- Progressive Values: Embracing fairness, equality, diversity, ethics, and sustainability.
- Commitment to Student Leadership: Understanding the importance of students shaping the Union's direction and activities.

While not essential, we welcome applicants with an interest in any of the following areas:

- Governance, company law, and charity law.
- Marketing and communications, especially in engaging with stakeholders and members.
- Accounting and finance, particularly in relation to charity sector organisations.
- Equalities, diversity legislation, and human resources management.
- Social policy, campaigning, and advocacy.
- Democratic governance.

BENEFITS

- Gain valuable governance and leadership experience.
- Influence key decisions that affect the student body and the Union's direction.
- Develop new skills in strategic thinking, teamwork, and organisational management.
- Be part of a dynamic team working to create positive change for students at Goldsmiths.

KEY CONTACTS

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