



**GOLDSMITHS  
STUDENTS'  
UNION!**

# UNION CHAIR

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.

**The Role of Union Chair is a part-time, voluntary position and can be done by any current student of Goldsmiths.**



# JOB PURPOSE

Union Chair is the chair of Student Forum, the body that holds elected officers to account. Union Chair will also go through submitted motions and ensure they end up at the right democratic meetings.

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# DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

- Chair Student Forum (Three meetings a year)
- Chair the Annual General Meeting and any additional Open Meetings
- Attend University Council and Academic Board Meetings
- Attend all training sessions offered by the SU and the University
- Maintain regular communication with the SU via email, providing consultation on submitted motions as needed

# BENEFITS

- Experience gained as a Union Chair can be included in your Higher Education Achievement Record and the Gold Award
- You will have access to training and development opportunities, such as the opportunity to attend workshops and conferences relating to your role
- You will gain an understanding of chairing meetings
- You will gain experience of how decisions are made
- You will be part of a dynamic team working to create positive change for students at Goldsmiths

# **WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN ENGAGED & PASSIONATE STUDENT WHO IS EAGER TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS' UNION.**

**Although you will receive full training, a Union Chair should possess the following skills and abilities:**

- Integrity: Upholding honesty and strong moral principles in all actions.
- Respect: Being friendly and considerate to create a positive, inclusive environment.
- Impartiality: Listening to and Supporting others, and remaining impartial while considering motions and chairing meetings
- 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:**

- Democracy and Governance
- Social policy, campaigning, and advocacy

