



**GOLDSMITHS
STUDENTS'
UNION!**

PRESIDENT

Salary: £28,173.79

Leave: 24 days annual leave, plus College closure days and Bank Holidays

Working Hours: Full time (35 hours a week) and can be done as either a job upon graduation or as a year-out from your studies.

The role will commence on 10th November 2025 (provisional date, this is subject to Right To Work checks)

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.

Every year we run elections to find the students who can shape the organisation for the year to come.

Could you be one of the next Full-Time Officers to lead our organisation in 2025?

SALARY & BENEFITS

- £28,173.79
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WHY BECOME A SABBATICAL OFFICER?

- You will gain a good understanding of the Higher Education sector
- You will gain experience of building relationships with a range of stakeholders
- You will gain experience of planning and leading campaigns
- You will have access to training and development opportunities
- You will gain experience of working in a team and working collaboratively
- You will gain leadership skills
- You will receive a competitive salary

PRESIDENT ROLE DESCRIPTION

- To attend Student Forum (minimum of 4 meetings a year) and present an accountability report
- To champion anti-racism work and liberation alongside the Welfare and Liberation Officer
- To attend NUS National Conference as an ex-officio delegate.
- To regularly gather student feedback and campaign on issues affecting Goldsmiths students
- To support activities such as Welcome Week, Awards Night, Varsity, Elections and other Students' Union events
- To work closely with the CEO and management team to contribute to ongoing student-led activities

CONSIDER BEFORE YOU NOMINATE YOURSELF: INTERRUPTION OF YOUR STUDIES

You may take a break from your studies until the end of the spring term (excluding Postgraduate Research students) for up to two years in total during your academic career.

International students on a Student Visa should contact the Immigration Advisory Service before taking a break, as there may be extra requirements or consequences.

Providing you have permission for the interruption, and depending on when you leave, you may be entitled to a partial refund of your fees.

If you withdraw or interrupt within 3 weeks of the start of the autumn term, you will not be liable for any tuition fee payment to Goldsmiths, and any tuition fee loan you may have applied for will not be payable.

More information:

- Interruption of your studies: gold.ac.uk/students/processes/taking-an-absence-changing-leaving/interruption/
- Tuition fees liability and refunds: gold.ac.uk/students/fee-support/fee-liability/

TIME LAPSED/DATE OF WITHDRAWAL	LIABILITY AS % OF FULL YEAR TUITION FEES
After the 3rd week of the Autumn term	25% of the fee is due
From the beginning of the Spring term	50% of the fee is due
From the beginning of the Summer term	100% of the fee is due

INTERRUPTION OF YOUR STUDIES

If you have paid the tuition fee up front, you will be refunded the amount in excess of the tuition fee charged based on the percentage tuition fee liability described above.

Students who interrupt their studies without seeking and obtaining the College's agreement shall remain liable for payment of fees in full and may not be eligible for a refund of the fees paid.

POSTGRADUATE INTERRUPTIONS

TIME	REFUND AMOUNT
Within 3 weeks of the start of the autumn term	Full refund
After 3 weeks	Liable for pro rata fee based on the number of weeks attending. Overpayment to be held as a credit towards fees for the following academic session.

Students who interrupt their studies without seeking and obtaining the College's agreement shall be liable for payment of fees in full and may not be eligible for a refund of the fees paid.

Please note that students on PCGE courses should refer to the tuition fee liability policy for Undergraduates.

STUDENT LOANS IMPLICATIONS

If you leave or suspend your studies, you must:

- Stop your student finance
- repay any student finance you are not entitled to

Your student finance includes:

- Tuition Fee Loans
- Maintenance Loans
- Postgraduate Master's Loans
- Postgraduate Doctoral Loans
- grants and bursaries

How much you need to repay and when you need to repay it depends on:

- What type of student finance do you have
- When in the academic year you choose to leave your course
- whether you're planning to return to your course or not

TUITION FEE LOANS

You'll need to repay at least some of your Tuition Fee Loan for the year that you suspend or leave your course.

You'll need to pay back:

- 25% of the loan for the year if you suspend or leave in term 1
- 50% of the loan for the year if you suspend or leave in term 2
- all the loans for the year if you suspend or leave in term 3

More information: [.gov.uk/student-finance-if-you-suspend-or-leave/repaying-your-student-loan](https://www.gov.uk/student-finance-if-you-suspend-or-leave/repaying-your-student-loan)

MAINTENANCE LOANS

Your student finance provider will reassess your Maintenance Loan based on the number of days you attended your course.

If any of your loan covers the period after you've left your course, this counts as an overpayment and you'll need to repay it straight away.

If you do not return to your studies, the Student Loans Company will write to you and tell you how much you must repay. If you cannot repay the full amount, you can ask them to set up a repayment plan.

Example

You get a Maintenance Loan of £1,200 to cover a 12-week term (£100 a week), and you leave your course after 8 weeks.

You can keep £800 of the loan (8 weeks X £100 = £800), but you need to repay the remaining £400 straight away as this counts as an overpayment (4 weeks X £100 = £400).

You repay the rest of the loan (£800) in the usual way.

If you're planning to return to your studies

The amount you were overpaid will usually be taken off your student finance payments when you return, so you do not have to repay straight away.

INTERRUPTING STUDIES

Apply for Interruption of Study

Submit the change of status form no later than 2 weeks after the interruption date.

You must advise your department within one week of your last day of attendance.

To interrupt, you must do so on the link on this page:

gold.ac.uk/students/processes/taking-an-absence-changing-leaving/interruption/

BENEFITS AND SKILLS OF SU ROLE

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DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Along with the Officer team, to help represent the views of Goldsmiths students through regular meetings with the College, the Warden and Senior Management Team
- To be a member of College Council and various subcommittees
- To be a member of Academic Board and various subcommittees
- To chair the Trustee Board (4 meetings a year) which includes line management responsibility of the Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF THIS ROLE

- To lead the Full-Time Officer team and be the principal representative of students, complimenting the portfolios of the rest of the Officer team
- To chair and be a member of the Trustee Board (the highest decision-making body of the organisation)
- To represent the views of Goldsmiths students to the University, the wider community and nationally
- To campaign on issues affecting Goldsmiths students locally and nationally

SU VALUES

- Empowering students to make change
- Being proactive on liberation, equality and social justice
- Creating accessible activities for all
- Leading in a democratic and open organisation

Key Contacts

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