

Students' Union President

The Role:

The Students' Union President is elected to lead the representation of the Cardiff University student population in all matters relating to their university experience. This is a full-time, paid position. The successful candidate will either take a year out of study or undertake the role after graduating.

The role is fast-paced and high profile. You will need to balance leadership, campaigning, and representation while managing competing demands, engaging with senior stakeholders, and responding to a wide range of student needs. **It requires professionalism, resilience, and a proactive approach to problem-solving.**

As SU President, you will:

LEAD	the student voice at the highest level as the principal elected representative of Cardiff Students' Union
REPRESENT	the Union with professionalism and confidence across University committees, sector bodies, and media channels
ENGAGE	with students across all types and levels of study, ensuring their views shape every aspect of your work
SUPPORT	the work of elected officers, chair team meetings, and coordinate team priority campaigns
SET	the political direction of the Union, establishing shared goals with the team and ensuring follow-through on student priorities
CHAIR	the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors, guiding major governance and financial decisions
COLLABORATE	with senior staff and officers to influence University strategy through committees like Council and Senate
UPHOLD	the democratic processes of the Union by delivering policy mandates and working closely with Student Senate and your Executive Committee
CAMPAIGN	on key issues affecting students, taking initiative on matters such as cost of living, mental health, inclusion, and academic fairness
CHALLENGE	and hold the University to account with students' interests at the centre

A Typical Week

No two weeks are the same. You'll balance attending high-level University committees with leading the officer team, coordinating campaigns, speaking to students, working on your manifesto, and responding to fast-changing student needs. Some meetings will be scheduled far in advance, others will come up at short notice. The role combines leadership, creativity, representation, and resilience.



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You'll regularly:

- Meet with the Vice-Chancellor or senior University leadership
- Speak at events and represent the Students' Union externally
- Plan and deliver individual and joint campaigns, events and initiatives with the officer team
- Chair and attend internal governance meetings

Skills you will develop:	Opportunities and benefits:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campaigning and political engagement• Time and workload management• Organisational and planning skills• Teamwork and collaboration• Project design and delivery• Negotiation and diplomacy• Networking and stakeholder influence• Campaign planning and implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Full-time, paid position with annual leave and access to CSU staff benefits• Internal training and mentoring from SU staff• Professional development and one-to-one support• A unique experience in governance, leadership, and influence• An opportunity to shape real change at the highest level of the SU and University• A standout addition to your CV and career development• Build lasting networks locally and nationally

Expectations

This is a leadership role that requires focus, commitment, and professionalism. The successful candidate will:

- Maintain a consistent and professional presence throughout the working week, showing up fully for meetings, projects, and team responsibilities, and taking an active, hands-on approach to the role
- Communicate and collaborate effectively with students, SU staff, University stakeholders, and external partners
- Work professionally: attending meetings, planning work, following through on actions, and meeting deadlines
- Manage competing demands, adapt quickly to change, and maintain resilience in a fast-paced and often reactive environment
- Uphold the SU's values and code of conduct at all times
- Participate in all relevant accountability and review processes, including meetings with the Accountability Panel (held three times per year)
- Deliver your manifesto commitments and work to implement policy passed by students

Full support is provided through the SU's officer support structure, including regular meetings with your staff contact, SMT buddy, and internal SU teams.



Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for this role, you must be a current student of Cardiff University or a current Sabbatical Officer at the close of nominations. The successful candidate will either take a year out of study or undertake the role after graduating.

To be eligible all candidates must also pass the 'Fit-to-Stand' policy. This means candidates standing in the election, to their knowledge and at the point of the close of nominations, do not have any current investigations or previous complaints upheld against them into matters relating to sexual misconduct, inappropriate sexual behaviour, relationship abuse and unhealthy relationships, sexual assault, sexual violence, violence, abuse, harassment, bullying, hate crimes, criminal conduct, physical assault, or discrimination. Any students who are unable to confirm they are 'fit to stand' will not be eligible to stand in the election.

How to Nominate:

- Nominate yourself [here](#).
- More information can be found on the Students' Union Website [here](#).
- If you have any questions, please contact the Elections Team at elections@cardiff.ac.uk.



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