

ELECTION NOTICE**Nominations OPEN on Monday 29th July 2019**

This notice should be read in conjunction with the Arc Constitution and Regulations available at:
<https://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/about/arc-board/arc-governance>
Forms will be available by 20 July at <https://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/voice/elections-rules/pgc-elections>

Nominations CLOSE at 4:00pm on Monday 12th August 2019**POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED****OFFICERS:**

- **President of the PGC;**
- **Vice President;**
- **Equity Officer;**
- **Events Officer;**
- **Coursework Students Officer;** (only PG coursework students may stand and vote for this position);
- **International Students Officer;** (only PG international students may stand and vote for this position);
- **Research Students Officer;** (only PG research students may stand and vote for this position);
- **Women's Officer;** (only PG woman-identifying students may stand and vote for this position).

Sharing of Positions

Up to 2 members may stand for and hold any Officer position for which they are eligible, other than the President. As well as individually completing a normal nomination form, a Position Sharing Form must be jointly completed by both participants.

Councillors:

- **4 postgraduate students from Electorate A** (at least one of whom must be a woman)
- **4 postgraduate students from Electorate B** (at least one of whom must be a woman)

(Only postgraduate students for the relevant electorate may stand and vote for these positions).

ELECTORATES**Electorate A**

Electorate A is comprised of students from the faculties of Society and Culture; Education; Creative Arts; Law; Management and Commerce (including UNSW Australian School of Business and UNSW Art & Design).

Electorate B

Electorate B is comprised of students from the faculties of Engineering and related technologies; Architecture and Building; Information Technology; Natural and Physical Sciences; Health; and Agriculture.

TERM OF OFFICE

Officers and Councillors hold office from 1st December in the year of election until 30th November of the following year.
Officers and Councillors may only hold any one office for a maximum of 2 years.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms will be available at <https://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/voice/elections-rules/pgc-elections> or from the Returning Officer by 20 July.
Forms must not be submitted until nominations are open.

Only postgraduate students who are 2019 members of Arc @ UNSW as at the close of nominations are eligible to stand as a candidate.

Candidates can self-nominate. No nominators are required.

Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer, Philip Binns, by the close of nominations to be valid.

They may be lodged:

by Email: to returning.officer@ozemail.com.au

by Hand: to Arc Reception, Arc Precinct, Level 2, Basser College (off Basser Steps) UNSW, Kensington Campus.

Candidates may provide with their nomination a recent photograph (JPEG format) and a statement of not more than 150 words containing information relating to the candidate that he or she wishes to supply. The Returning Officer may edit such statements and crop photos if deemed necessary.

A person can only be elected to 1 position on the PGC, but may nominate for multiple positions. If doing so, the candidate must email the returning Officer stating, if they were to be successful in more than 1 position, their order of preference for the positions. This preference may be taken into account pursuant to Regulation 11.23.

If less than or the exact number of candidates required for a position are received those candidates will be elected unopposed. Where less than the required number of nominations are received for any position, nominations will be re-opened for that position on Thursday 12th September for a week.

ELECTORAL TICKETS (Groups)

A group of candidates may register as a ticket (*see 11.18 of the Arc Regulations*).

Ticket Registration forms must be lodged by 1 day after nominations close, to allow candidates time to communicate and form tickets, i.e. by 4:00pm Tuesday 13th August. At that stage, Tickets only need 2 members who have been accepted as candidates.

The final makeup of the ticket showing all candidates who belong to that ticket and their order of seniority for positions must be lodged by 1 day later, i.e. 4:00pm Wednesday 14th August.

CAMPAIGNING

Only UNSW students may campaign for the Arc Postgraduate Council election. All campaign material must bear the name and student number of a candidate or group contact person who is authorising and taking responsibility of such material.

Candidates should ensure they understand the full campaigning rules, as breaches can lead to the disqualification of individuals or tickets. Further information can be found in the Arc @ UNSW Constitution and Regulations at <https://www.arc.unsw.edu.au/about/arc-board/arc-governance>

VOTING

ON-LINE VOTING WILL BE HELD IN WEEK 4 (commencing 5:00am Tuesday 8th October to 10:00pm Friday 11th October 2019).

MORE INFORMATION

Please direct all queries to Philip Binns (the Returning Officer) via email to returning.officer@ozemail.com.au or phone 0432 218 026.

*Note: All elected candidates will be required to attend the PGC Induction on Thursday 7th November 2019 (9am – 4pm). Please ensure you are available to attend.