2025 PGC Elections Information Session

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Housekeeping

- This session is recorded

- Questions in the chat, Q&A at the end

- Slides (with links) will be available after the session.

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Agenda

- PGC Election Timeline

- Purpose of the PGC

- PGC Positions

- Nomination Form

- Ticket Registration

- Gamamari Coverage

- Campaigning Guidelines & Conduct

- Questions

PGC Elections Timeline

Mon 1 September (T2/T3 Break)	Nominations Open (9am)
Wed 3 September (T2/T3 Break)	Info Session (TODAY) 12 – 12:30pm
Fri 12 September (T3 O-WEEK)	Nominations Close (4pm)
Mon 22 September (T3 WK2)	*Nominations Re-open (if required)*
Mon 29 September (T3 WK3)	*Nomination Re-close (if required)*
Mon 13 October (T3 WK5)	Voting commences 7am
Thurs 16 October (T3 WK5)	Voting concludes 9pm

Purpose of the PGC

The PGC's core mission is founded on the main three values:

Advocacy
a) To amplify the postgraduate voice at different University levels.
b) To strengthen the student voice by connecting student bodies within UNSW such as Student Representative Council, Academic Board and Arc Board.

Engagement
a) To organise flagship university-wide events that foster community building, celebrate student achievements, and encourage a social atmosphere.
b) To organise professional development events that educate postgraduates on entering the job-market and guide their transition from student to employee.

Support
a) To offer a first point-of contact for postgraduates with coursework and research inquiries.
b) To promote the diversity and inclusion of all postgraduate students.
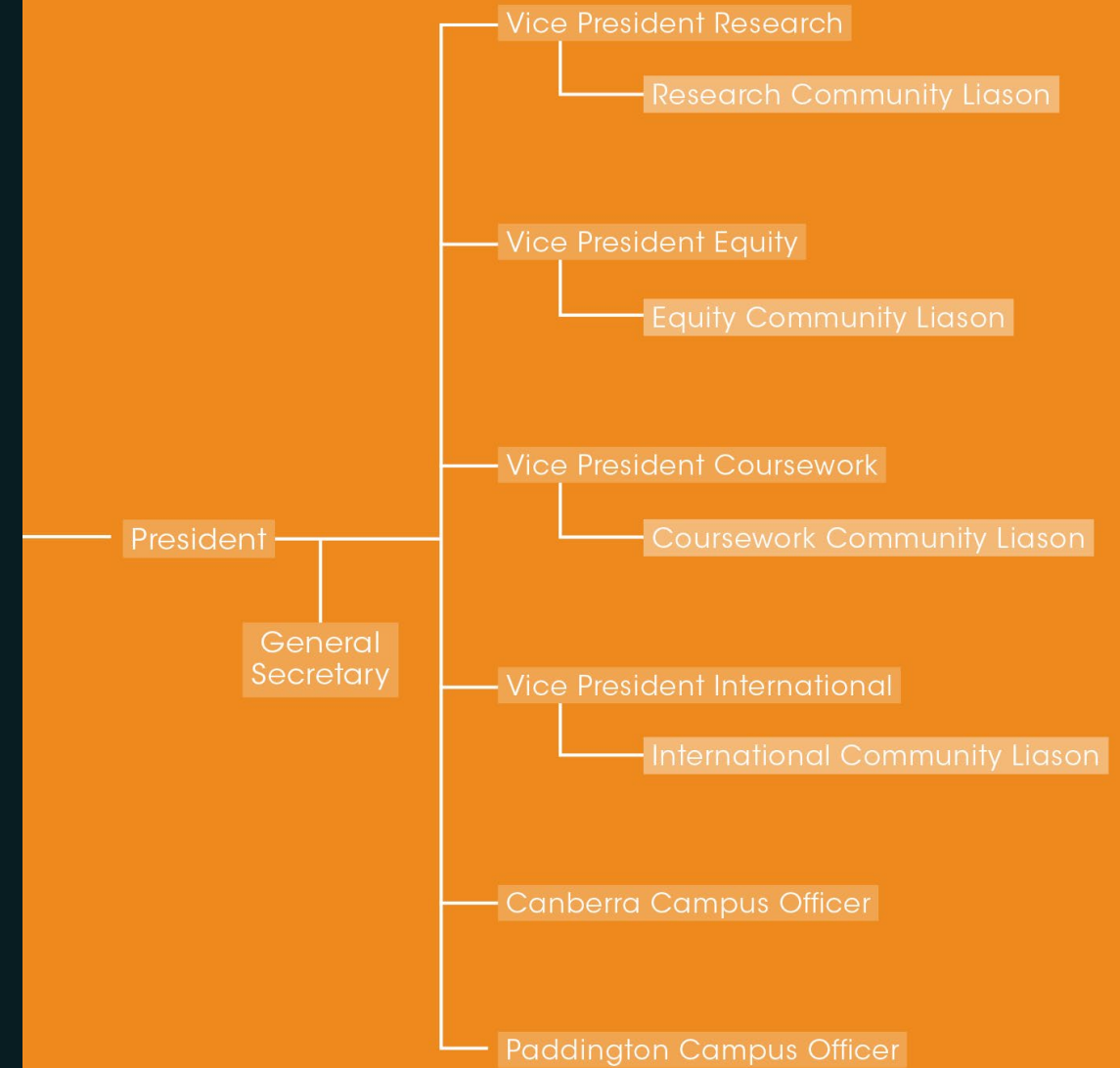c) To connect postgraduate students with UNSW wellbeing services.

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PGC General Secretary: pgc.gen.secretary@arc.unsw.edu.au

PGC Positions

Eligibility is self-explanatory:

- All postgraduate students

- President & Gen Sec = open to all PG Students

- Research Positions = Research Students

- Coursework Positions = Coursework Students

- International Positions = International Students

- Canberra Officer = Controlling Faculty based at Canberra

- Paddington Officer = Controlling Faculty based at Paddington

- Equity Positions = Must identify as being from an underrepresented group.

President
├── Vice President Research
│   └── Research Community Liason
├── Vice President Equity
│   └── Equity Community Liason
├── Vice President Coursework
│   └── Coursework Community Liason
├── Vice President International
│   └── International Community Liason
├── Canberra Campus Officer
└── Paddington Campus Officer

General Secretary

No PGC positions may be shared

See **PGC Charter** for more information

Forms

Nomination Form
CLOSES Fri 12 September, 4PM

Ticket Registration Form
Ticket Registration: DUE Mon 15th September 4PM
Group Membership/Seniority: DUE Tues 16th September, 4PM

Gamamari Coverage

- Gamamari is the Student Newspaper for UNSW, facilitated and published by Arc.

- Gamamari *may* reach out to candidates after eligibility is confirmed

- The Returning Officer will review all content

- Content may be published.

- Participation is optional. Coverage cannot be used as grounds for lodging an election appeal.

Campaigning Guidelines

Each candidate must abide by, and inform their supporters(s) and campaigner(s) of the Arc Regulations and Guidelines, including the necessity to observe these requirements at all times.

All candidates nominate and run independently of Arc; no candidate is endorsed or supported by Arc. The Arc logo must not be used in any candidate's campaign material.

Detailed Information:
- Campaigning Guidelines
- Arc Regulations

Campaigning Guidelines

PGC Campaigning Dates

Campaigning may commence: Friday 12th September, 4.00pm
Campaigning must conclude: Thursday 16th October, 9.00pm

Campaigning Formats Defined

- Online campaigning: The use of social media platforms, emails, messages, digital flyers etc.

- Verbal campaigning: Informal conversations, with individuals. Wearing of campaign T-shirts and distribution of flyers is allowed throughout UNSW campuses.

- On Campus Physical Campaigning: Engaging with students via means of handing out flyers, conversations, a-frames, displaying posters etc.

Online Campaigning

- Arc will not actively monitor online forums and social media platforms.

- All campaign posts must include the name and zID of the ticket authorizer, unless posting on the Candidates personal platform.

- Sponsored or paid social media posts, or other forms of paid advertising are prohibited.

- Publicity on any dating sites/apps is prohibited.

- No use of email lists of UNSW students for the purpose of campaigning or spam emails, unless explicitly registered.

- Any student receiving campaigning via direct message may request to be removed. The candidate(s) and/or campaigner(s) involved must remove the student within 24 hours.

- Use of UNSW Learning Platforms such as Moodle for the purposes of campaigning is prohibited.

On-Campus Campaigning

- Campaigners may campaign in-person across campus during the permitted dates.
- Campaigning is not permitted in areas such as:
  - The Library
  - Pedestrian accessways (including entries and exits to buildings)
  - Near emergency exits
  - Vehicle access points
  - On roadways
  - Study Areas
  - Areas where groups of students have assembled for another purpose e.g. in a lecture
  - Disability Pathways
  - SRC & PGC Spaces
  - Arc Spaces

- The use of A-Frames is permitted, however they must not be left unattended and must be placed on grass where possible.

- If A-Frames are found to have damaged any area or surface this permission may be revoked.

- The set-up of stalls, tables and banners across campus is not permitted.

Postering

- Postering is permitted on-campus, on UNSW Noticeboards and Arc's temporary campaigning posterboards.

- Campaigners must abide by the Campaigning Guidelines and the Promotional and Advertising Guidelines for UNSW Campuses on the UNSW Planned Events Website.

- Campaigners must comply with all directions from Estate Management and/or UNSW Security.

- The following is NOT permitted:
  - Postering on top of UNSW signage (this includes building signage, wayfinding signage and classroom signage)
  - On ANY surface that is not explicitly for postering, including on metal bins and painted surfaces.

- Important Postering Information:

  - Arc has installed temporary poster boards across campus for SRC & PGC Elections. Please utilise these where possible (one poster per ticket, per poster board).

  - For postering on UNSW Noticeboards: Use tack pins or tape. Do not use glue or other adhesives which may ruin the noticeboards.

  - For postering on the temporary posterboards (Arc Branded): Use blu-tac, painter's tape or regular 'sticky' tape. Please don't use heavy duty/packing tape as this ruins the posterboard surfaces.

  - Campaigners must remove all postering and signage across campus within 48 hours of voting closing

Event Guidelines

- Arc events, including Arc Club events cannot be used to address groups of students for campaigning purposes, including displaying or distributing campaign material.

- Should an Arc publication (i.e Gamamari, Blitz) facilitate an event, Q&A session, debate, article or similar, the Returning Officer must approve the use of any material in any way, unless already released publicly by the publication.

Conduct

- All students involved in the election in any way must adhere to the standards of behaviour as provided for Arc Regulations.

- Any candidate(s) or campaigner(s) that publish, display or distribute any inappropriate material (including aiding and/or abetting such behaviour) will be required to remove the material in question if directed by the Returning Officer, and issue a retraction if appropriate by a means deemed necessary by the Returning Officer.

- Any candidate(s) or campaigner(s) found to have breached this may be subject to actions outlined in Arc Regulations.

Inappropriate Conduct

- Engaging in behaviour that is intimidatory, aggressive, threatening or harassing towards any other person (including coercion or intimidation of voters), whether that behaviour takes place in person, online or any other way;

- Engaging in any dishonest practice in relation to the election;

- Publicising any campaign content that is untrue, misleading or deceptive, discriminatory, sexist, racist, or homophobic;

- Misleading or hindering the Returning Officer or delegates in the execution of their duties.

Campaigning can be stressful

- Remember to reach out if you need any support.

- Please remember to manage your online presence and social media platform privacy settings.

- Report any undesirable behaviours to the online platform as well as the Returning Officer.

  ❏ UNSW Counselling Services – 9385 5418

  ❏ Lifeline Australia – 13 11 14

  ❏ Beyond Blue – 1300 224 636

  ❏ NSW Mental Health Line – 1800 011 511

End of Session

- Do you need more information?

- Are you unsure about any of the processes?

- Do you think there's been a breach?

CONTACT THE RETURNING OFFICER – PHIL

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QUESTIONS?