

2026 UNSW STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

ELECTION NOTICE

Nominations OPEN 9:00AM on Monday 14th September 2026

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>

Nominations CLOSE at 4:00PM on Friday 25th September 2026

POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED

For further information regarding the SRC and its roles and responsibilities, refer to the [SRC Charter](#).

OFFICERS:

- **President of the SRC;**
- **General Secretary;**
- **Education Officer;**
- **Welfare Officer;**
- **Women's Officer** (only woman-identifying students may stand and vote for this position);
- **Environment Officer;**
- **International Students' Officer** (only international students may stand and vote for this position);
- **Two (2) Queer Officers** (only students recorded on the Queer Collective's Membership list at the close of nominations may stand for this position. A minimum of one (1) of the elected queer officers must not identifying as cis-male).
- **Students with Disabilities Officer** (only students with a disability may stand and vote for this position – relevant documents must be provided – see *Arc Regulations 8.4(a)(v)*);
- **Indigenous Officer** (only Indigenous students may stand and vote for this position);
- **Ethno-cultural Officer** (only students from a culturally and linguistically diverse background may stand for this position).
- **Paddington Representation Officer** (only students whose primary course/controlling school is based at Paddington Campus may stand and vote for this position)
- **Paddington Domestic Officer** (only students whose primary course/controlling school is based at Paddington Campus and are domestic students may stand and vote for this position)
- **Paddington International Officer** (only students whose primary course/controlling school is based at Paddington Campus and are international students may stand and vote for this position)

Sharing of Positions

- Only the Queer Officers and Students with Disabilities Officer positions may be shared. Where a position is to be shared, further details will be required on the nomination form.

COUNCILLORS:

- **6 undergraduate representatives from Electorate A** (at least 2 of whom must be women);
 - **6 undergraduate representatives from Electorate B** (at least 2 of whom must be women).
- (Only undergraduate students for the relevant electorate may stand and vote for these positions).*

ELECTORATES

Controlling faculty/school

Where enrolled in courses from both A and B Electorates, a student is assigned to the Electorate containing their Controlling Faculty/School.

Electorate A

Electorate A means students currently enrolled in programs controlled by the following faculties: Arts, Design & Architecture, Law, Business School, (including ADFA: Business, Humanities & Social Sciences)

Electorate B

Electorate B means students currently enrolled in programs controlled by the following faculties: Engineering, Medicine, Sciences, (including ADFA: Engineering & IT, Physical, Environmental & Mathematical Sciences).

TERM OF OFFICE

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

OTHER POSITIONS

- 7 x NUS Delegates.

NOMINATIONS

Nomination forms will be available at [here](#). Forms must not be submitted until nominations are open.

Nominations must be submitted prior to the close of nominations to be valid. They may be lodged electronically, using the above link. If a hard copy of the form is required due to accessibility issues, please email ceo.admin@arc.unsw.edu.au.

Candidates must attach an image of their Student ID card (front and back) with their nomination and may attach a recent photograph (must be in jpeg format), and a statement of not more than 150 words (must be in word document format) containing information relating to the candidate that they wish to supply. The Returning Officer may edit such statements and crop photos if deemed necessary.

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

Candidates can self-nominate. No nominators are required.

A student cannot be a candidate in both the SRC and PGC elections in the same year.

All UNSW students (Kensington, Paddington and Canberra campus) are eligible to nominate and vote.

UNSW College students are associate members of Arc and not eligible to nominate, vote or campaign in Arc Elections.

A person can only be elected to 1 position on the SRC, but may nominate for multiple positions. If doing so, the candidate must indicate on the electronic nomination form the order of preference for the positions, if they were to be successful in more than 1 position. This preference may be taken into account pursuant to Arc Regulations.

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 Tuesday 6th October 2026 for 1 week.

ELECTORAL TICKETS (Groups)

A group of candidates may register as a ticket (*see 10.18 of the Arc Regulations*). Forms are available for download [here](#).

Ticket registration forms must be emailed to the Returning Officer by the following working day after nominations close, to allow candidates time to communicate and form tickets i.e. by 4:00pm Monday 28th September 2026. At this stage, tickets only require 2 members who have been accepted as candidates.

The final allocation of the ticket, detailing all candidates who belong to that ticket and their order of seniority for positions, must be emailed to the Returning Officer by the following working day i.e. 4:00pm Tuesday 29th September 2026.

VOTING

ONLINE ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD IN WEEK 7 (Monday, 26th October 7:00AM to Thursday, 29th October 2026 9:00PM).

Voting will be held online only.

All students will receive an email to their university email address containing their voting link when voting opens.

CAMPAIGNING

Only UNSW students may campaign for the Arc SRC Elections (UNSW College students may not campaign). All campaign material must bear the name and student number of a candidate or name of ticket contact person who is authorising and taking responsibility of such material.

Candidates and ticket organisers 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>

In accordance with 10.3(o) of the [Arc Regulations](#), the Returning Officer has supplied [Campaigning Guidelines](#) to supplement 10.24.

All candidates, campaigners and students involved in the election in any way must abide by any campaigning and election guidelines provided by the Returning Officer.

MORE INFORMATION

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

IMPORTANT DATES

An online info session regarding the Elections will be held on Wednesday 17th September, 12:00PM-12:30PM through [ZOOM](#).

All elected candidates will be required to attend the SRC Induction Days (in-person, Kensington Campus) as per below:

Tuesday 17th November 2026 (W10) | 9:30AM – 4:30PM | Introduction & Overview, Admin Processes, Misc. Training, Council Visions.

Thursday 19th November 2026 (W10) | 10AM – 4PM | Leadership Workshop, Gendered Violence Awareness & Response Training, Wellbeing Presentation