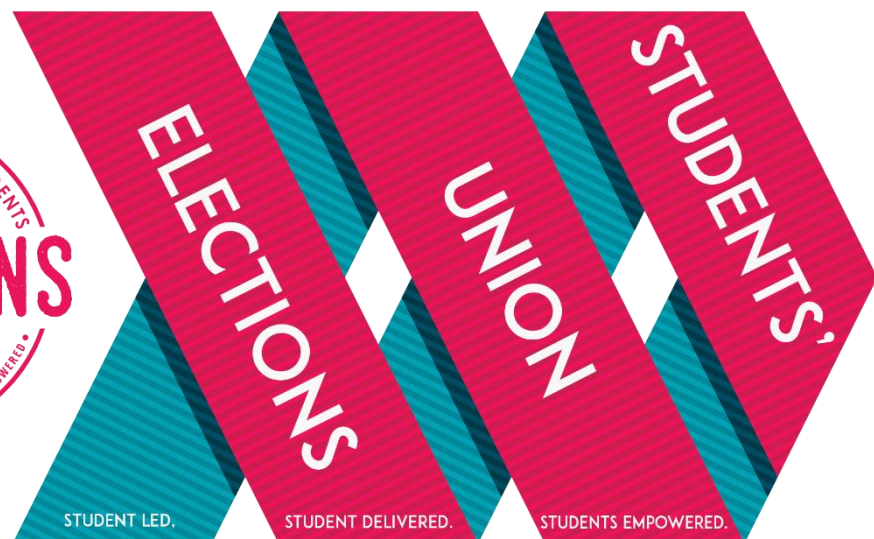


**MORE ABOUT THE ROLE...**

# **PART-TIME OFFICER**

**(VOLUNTARY LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR  
CURRENT STUDENTS)**



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## ABOUT THE ROLE - PART-TIME OFFICER

Being an elected Officer at Winchester Students' Union is an exciting opportunity and a chance to influence change and make a real difference. Once elected, Officers take office for the next academic year and form the backbone of our democratic structure, working to represent students and campaign on important issues. Being a Part-Time Officer (PTO) is a great opportunity for you to build both your personal and professional development: improving confidence, organisational skills and leadership abilities. It's a role that any student can run for – you don't need to have any specific qualifications or experience; just a passion to enhance the student experience!

Our Part-Time Officers are part of the Students' Union's Executive Committee (elected officer team) and take individual and collective responsibility for ensuring the Union remains focussed on representing the needs of its members. In this role, you will work closely with other officers of the Union (including full-time Presidents x2), and staff across the Union and University, to promote and defend the rights of members, campaign on issues affecting members, and implement Students' Union policy.

This is a **part-time voluntary** position which is designed to be undertaken alongside your studies. Elected **Part-Time Officers take up the role from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2027**, with most activity taking place within term time of the 2026-2027 academic year cycle.

## ABOUT WINCHESTER STUDENTS' UNION

Winchester Students' Union is run for students, by students. We are a not-for-profit charitable organisation, and we are independent from the University itself. We are dedicated to representing and supporting you as students, as well as providing a wide range of opportunities, activities and events for all students across our Education, Welfare, Activities, Commercial and Union-wide Zones. Above all, Winchester Students' Union is a membership organisation which promotes inclusion, participation and representation, and is here to ensure that its members have the opportunity to get the absolute most out of their student experience whilst studying at Winchester.

*Student Led, Student Delivered. **Students Empowered.***

## HOW DO I GET THE ROLE?

This is an **elected** position, so you get the role by successfully being voted in by the student body! Applications (nominations) open at 9am on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026, and close at 12pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, at which point you'll begin getting your campaign ready! Once you've nominated yourself for a role, we'll give you loads of support during our Candidate Development Weeks, where we'll cover all the important information on running a campaign to be elected!

From the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, **students will vote** for who they think their Part-Time Officers (along with full-time Presidents) should be. You get the role by promoting your candidacy and assuring students that you're the right person for the role; demonstrating that you'll tackle the most important issues through your manifesto, campaigning, and representation of them as members.

### Elections 2026 Timetable

- **NOMINATIONS OPEN** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, 9am
- **NOMINATIONS CLOSE** – Weds 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 12pm
- **CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT WEEKS**  
w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 + w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026
- **CAMPAIGNING BEGINS** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 9am
- **Candidate Q&A** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 6pm
- **VOTING OPENS** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 9pm
- **VOTING CLOSES** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 3pm
- **RESULTS** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026, 9pm

You'll be elected into the role on a set of 'promises' you've made to students (your manifesto), which you will work on alongside your studies. You won't have any set hours, which gives you the freedom to organise your time as best suits you, however, there will also be periods of the year or specific events which you will be asked to support on (e.g. Freshers).

## THE ROLE IN A NUTSHELL

- a) Develop areas of interest alongside the Executive Committee to lead on. Areas of interest could include: Education, Welfare/Wellbeing, Activity Groups Development, Volunteering & Community Action, Events & Entertainment, Equality & Diversity, and Environment & Sustainability.
- b) Liaise with your fellow Part-Time Officers and Presidents. Have a good working relationship with relevant Union staff and ensure student opinion is listened to and considered at every level.
- c) Action students' concerns, aspirations and problems, and regularly raise these issues with the Executive Committee / the relevant President.
- d) Be a member of the Students' Union Executive Committee and Student Senate.
- e) Attend any relevant training/briefing days relating to your role.
- f) Support initiatives as part of Winchester Students' Union campaigns and/or membership-targeted events, such as Freshers, Student Recharge Days, etc.
- g) Ensure that the views and opinions of students from underrepresented groups are reflected throughout the Students' Union's work.
- h) Have lots of fun, meet new people, and develop your skillset through a wide range of training and development opportunities!

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As a Part-Time Officer, you automatically become a member of the Students' Union's Executive Committee. Composed of the Union's Presidents and Part-Time Officers, this committee meets regularly throughout the academic year to discuss and review completed, ongoing, and future efforts by the Union, with the aim of ensuring that these activities remain purposeful and meaningful in regards to member needs. In these meetings you will hear, and be able to respond to, updates from your fellow officers, as well as provide updates on your own areas of work, too. The Executive Committee may also discuss matters relating to Union and University policy, and other member-relevant developments locally, and nationally, which could impact on members' student experience. It sounds like a lot, but you'll have guidance and support from the President, along with Union's CEO and Head of Membership, and it really is a valuable experience that will allow you stand out in the future! (Plus, there's a budget for free coffee, cake and Executive Committee socials!)

## KEY ATTRIBUTES - PART-TIME OFFICERS

Anyone can run to be a Part-Time Officer! To be successful in the role, you should be:

- Really passionate about making the student experience the best it can be.
- A team player – you're going to be working with a diverse and brilliant officer team and you might have to support them with work outside of, or adjacent to, your area(s) of interest.
- Excited to make positive changes – this role is not about keeping things ticking along!
- Patient – what you're hoping to achieve might take more than your term of office and you may be laying groundwork for the future; you in turn might be continuing on someone else's legacy work.
- Organised – you're going to have to juggle your role alongside your studies.

## TRAINING

Don't worry, we're not expecting you to understand or know everything before you start! There will be lots of training and support to make sure you're ready and feel able to take on the role. Once you're elected, you'll have the opportunity to attend a wide range of training and development opportunities, where you'll get to know the other Officers, key staff at the Union, and build on skills you'll need in role and beyond!

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART-TIME OFFICER?

Scan below to register your interest, and we'll contact you with more information about Elections 2026!



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Email us at [suelection@winchester.ac.uk](mailto:suelection@winchester.ac.uk) with any questions or to book a 1:1 with our team to find out more!