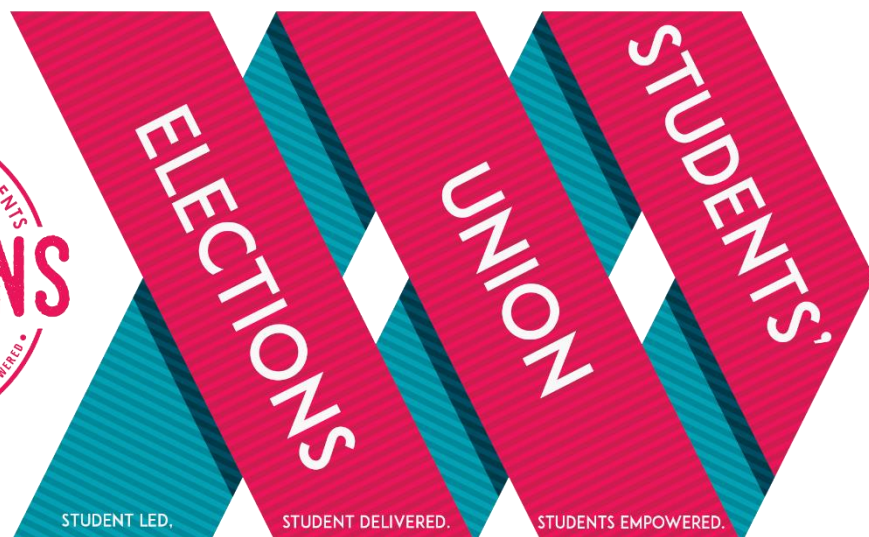


PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT (STUDENT VOICE)
PRESIDENT (STUDENT ENGAGEMENT)

JOB PACK

*(FULL-TIME, PAID GRADUATE JOBS FOR
STUDENTS GRADUATING IN 2026)*



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COULD YOU BE A WINCHSU PRESIDENT?

We have 2x President jobs available in WinchSU Elections 2026:

PRESIDENT (STUDENT VOICE) x1
PRESIDENT (STUDENT ENGAGEMENT) x1

These are both **full-time, paid graduate jobs**, designed for students graduating in 2026 (or willing to take a year 'sabbatical' away from their studies to work full-time). The job is fixed-term from 1st July 2026 – 30th June 2027. **The salary is around £26,119 per annum.**

Being a President at Winchester Students' Union is an exciting opportunity and a chance to influence change and make a real difference. Once elected, our Officer team 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 President 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! Presidents work to represent students to the University and beyond, campaign on important issues, and lead WinchSU's work.

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 JOB?

This is an **elected** position, so you get the job by successfully being voted in by the student body! Applications (nominations) open at 9am on Monday 26th January 2026, and close at 12pm on Wednesday 18th February 2026, at which point you have two weeks to begin getting ready for Campaign Week, with help from us! 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 an elections campaign!

From the 9th March 2026, **students will vote** for who they think their Presidents (along with other elected positions) should be. You get the job 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 26th January 2026, 9am
- **NOMINATIONS CLOSE** – Wednesday 18th February 2026, 12pm
- **CANDIDATE DEVELOPMENT WEEKS**
w/c 23rd February 2026 + w/c 2nd March 2026
- **CAMPAIGNING BEGINS** – Monday 9th March 2026, 9am
- **Candidate Q&A** – Monday 9th March 2026, 6pm
- **VOTING OPENS** – Monday 9th March 2026, 9pm
- **VOTING CLOSES** – Friday 13th March 2026, 3pm
- **RESULTS** – Friday 13th March 2026, 9pm

MORE ABOUT THE JOB

This is a job like no other, and likely no two days will look the same! You'll be elected into the role on a set of 'promises' you've made to students (your manifesto), and you also have day-to-day responsibilities on top of that. On average, you'll need to work around 7.5 hours per day, but some days you'll need to work a bit more (especially during busy periods such as Freshers), and others you can work a bit less.

WHICH PRESIDENT ROLE IS RIGHT FOR ME?

The **President (Student Voice)** is responsible for:

- Student Voice
- Student Academic Representation
- Union Governance
- Campaigns, Communications & Celebrating Success
- Chairing the Union's Board of Trustees/Directors, and line managing the Union's CEO alongside the Deputy Chair
- Being a Student Governor on the University's Board of Governors

The **President (Student Engagement)** is responsible for:

- Communities and Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)
- Wellbeing
- Extra-curricular Activities
- Campaigns, Communications & Celebrating Success
- Chairing the Union's Executive Committee
- Being a Trustee/Director of the Union

Both Presidents:

- Are full-time employees of Winchester Students' Union and work within all relevant terms and conditions of employment.
- Attend both University and WinchSU meetings as a representative of the student body to enact change and enhance the student experience.
- Are named within policy (Union and University) and act in accordance with such responsibility.
- Promote WinchSU and Student Voice through actively communicating to our members (students), asking for feedback, and representing students.
- Ensure that the views and opinions of students from underrepresented groups are reflected throughout the Students' Union's work.

As a President at WinchSU, you'll also automatically become a Trustee/Director of Winchester Students' Union's Board of Trustees/Directors, who are also our charity Trustees. This aspect of the role involves overseeing the financial, legal and strategic activity of the Students' Union overall alongside your fellow Officer Trustees, Student Trustees, and External Trustees. It sounds like a lot, but you'll have guidance and support from the Deputy Chair of the Board, along with the clerk to the Board and the Union's CEO, and it really is a valuable experience that will allow you stand out in future!

KEY ATTRIBUTES A PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE

Anyone can run to be President! To be successful in the role, you should be:

- Really passionate about making the student experience the best it can be for students
- Excited to make positive changes – this role is not about keeping things ticking along!
- Strategic – being able to think about the big picture is so important in this role; you might need to think about what students will want in 5 years' time and balance that with what they need right now. You'll have to figure when to ask the University for their backing, and when to hold them to account.
- Capable at prioritising effectively - you're going to have a lot thrown at you in this role, and you definitely won't have time to do everything you want to at a really high level. Again, you'll need to think strategically and consider the impact for students.
- Organised – you're going to have to juggle a lot of meetings, emails, and student demands!
- A brilliant communicator – you're going to have to adapt your language and communication style. One minute you'll be speaking to a student, and the next you'll be speaking to the Vice Chancellor!
- A good leader – you're going to lead our team of elected officers on certain projects; so you will need to support and motivate people and to help everyone achieve their best!

WHAT MIGHT A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PRESIDENT LOOK LIKE?

No two days are the same in the life of a President, but here's an insight into what you might get up to...

- You arrive at work at 9.30am to the Students' Union Offices, you head up to your office and start up your computer, at the same time saying hello and having a quick chat with the SU staff team who you share an office with (and the various office dogs!). You check your emails and social media and reply to any urgent emails.
- You head to the Terrace Bar to get a coffee (using your staff discount!) before the day starts. You chat with the bar staff about their weekends while you wait for your coffee, then you sit in the bar and drink your coffee whilst you write your to-do list for the day.

- At 10am the Union's CEO meets you in the Terrace Bar for a quick catch up together; you discuss the upcoming Board of Trustees/Directors meeting, talk about your updates for the next Executive Committee meeting, and he gives you an overview of some key updates within the Students' Union.
- You now have a free hour before your next meeting so continue planning for a campaign you are running which launches next week, including writing blogs, planning social media posts and finalising arrangements for the open forum you're holding to get student views. You start planning a fun TikTok idea to promote this alongside your fellow officers and the Comms Team.
- Next up, you join a Student Experience Committee meeting with the University on Teams. You feedback what you have heard from students with regard to accessibility on campus and how the Students' Union could work with the University to improve the student experience.
- As the meeting finishes, you see an email come through asking you to test the University reporting system. You know this will be a quick job, so finish it up before heading to lunch.
- It's time for lunch! You take your lunch break somewhere out of the office for a chance to stretch your legs and say hi to some students around campus too.
- When you return from lunch, you catch up with the rest of the Executive Committee (your fellow elected officers) on WhatsApp before your next meeting, so you can be sure to raise anything they need.
- You go to your meeting with the University's Executive Leadership Team, and you catch-up about issues affecting students, from a Students' Union perspective as well as a University perspective, and discuss how you may be able to work together on these issues.
- Throughout the day you chat with your colleagues in the Students' Union (officers and staff) to bounce ideas off and seek support on things you are working on (this could be getting help planning to organise an event, getting artwork created, help with responding to something or understanding a process or policy). You share office space with staff so it's really easy to pop your head around and bounce an idea off about absolutely anything that you want to work on!
- Finally you end your day with a Senior Leadership Team Meeting, where the Presidents sit down to meet with the Union's CEO, Head of Membership, and Head of Operations, to touch base on a number of headline Union areas, including talking through budgets, promotion, and plans for some upcoming campaigns.
- You see it's 5pm, and you've finished for the day, so you pack up your things, shut your computer off and head back home for a nice relaxing evening, ready to start back again tomorrow. Of course, making sure to stop at the Terrace Bar again for another coffee!

WHO YOU'LL WORK WITH

WinchSU Presidents work with a number of different people across the Union, the University and beyond! You'll need to develop and build relationships with our key stakeholders:

- Students!
- Your fellow President & Part-time Officers (the 'Executive Committee')
- The Students' Union Senior Management Team and Union staff (you'll work with all staff, but day-to-day you'll likely liaise with the CEO, Head of Membership, Communications Manager, Student Voice Coordinator, Activities Manager, Advice & Wellbeing Manager, Membership Assistant)
- The Union's Board of Trustees/Directors
- Senior Leadership within the University, including the Vice Chancellor and University Executive Leadership Team, University Board of Governors
- Student Chair and members of Student Senate
- Members of University Senate and other key University Committees
- University Deans & Directors
- National Union of Students (NUS)
- Your counterparts in other Unions

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 job. Once you're elected, you'll have the opportunity to shadow a number of key meetings, and have a full, paid handover with the outgoing Officer team.

We run a full induction programme in the first weeks of your office, as well as a number of sessions in the lead up to your term, where you'll get to know the other Officers, staff at the Union, and build on skills you'll need in the role!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PRESIDENT?

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



Visit WWW.WINCHESTERSTUDENTS.CO.UK/SUELECTION for more information and to nominate yourself for election!

NOMINATIONS OPEN
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Monday 26th January 2026, 9am
Wednesday 18th February 2026, 12pm

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