

# AUTUMN ELECTIONS 2024

## Frequently Asked Questions

*Every year, you elect over 20 Student Representatives to represent all 18,000+ students at Stirling, both within the University and beyond. These roles are crucial in shaping the student experience and ensuring your voice is heard at every level.*

### What's a Sabbatical Officer?

Sabbatical Officers provide the overall leadership of the Union and achieve political, social and educational change that will have a lasting impact on the student experience at the University of Stirling.

The core Sabbatical Officer team consists of four positions – Union President, Sports Union President, Vice President Education, and Vice President Communities. These full-time, paid officers, work together and independently on campaigns, projects and represent the student voice at Stirling.

Sabbatical Officer positions were elected in the 2024 Spring Elections for the academic year 2024/25.

### What does a Sabbatical Officer do?

Sabbatical Officers consult with the student body to represent their interests appropriately and maintain close links with the local and national community. Sabbatical Officers deliver change projects and campaigns based on their manifesto, examples of which include the Community Food Initiative and the Personal Tutor Review.

### Are Sabbatical Officers paid?

The Sabbatical Officer role is a fixed-term 12-month role, based in Stirling, with an annual salary of £21,840 (28 days holiday, including public holidays). Sabbatical Officers will be working around 35 hours a week, with some weekend and evening work, depending on the needs of the role and priorities for the year.

### What's a Volunteer Officer?

Volunteer Officers sit on the Union's Executive Council, alongside the Sabbatical Officers, representing and championing the rights and views of all students. The Volunteer Officer roles are designed to be flexible and fit around your studies, with all core responsibilities taking no more than 10 voluntary hours a month. Volunteer Officers are supported in delivering a campaign or project to enhance the student experience relating to a specific remit.

### What's an NUS Delegate?

NUS Delegates will represent the views of Stirling Students at a national level. Every year, the National Union of Students (NUS) bring together conferences of student representatives to decide which campaigns and policy work NUS should take forward. The conference also elects student members to lead this work for the coming year.

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## What roles are being elected in the Autumn Election?

During the Autumn Election 2024, the following positions will be elected:

- **Alternative Pathways Volunteer Officer**
- **Arts Volunteer Officer**
- **Care Experienced Students Volunteer Officer**
- **Engagement Volunteer Officer**
- **Mature Students Volunteer Officer**
- **Parents and Carers Volunteer Officer**
- **Postgraduate Volunteer Officer**
- **Sports Union Communications Volunteer Officer**
- **NUS Delegates**
  - There are 5 positions available, with the sixth place being allocated ex-officio to the elected Union President.
  - Please note that we're basing the number of NUS Delegates on last year's entitlement as NUS are currently reviewing their democratic processes and have not yet confirmed details for this year. If our entitlement changes after the election, we will adjust this based on the number of votes.

There are also three Equality Zone Volunteer Officer positions which will be elected at the Equality Zone on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October 2024.

- Disabled Students' Volunteer Officer
- LGBTQ+ Volunteer Officer
- Women's Volunteer Officer

## What roles am I eligible to stand for in the Autumn Elections?

For Volunteer Officer and NUS Delegate positions, you need to be a University of Stirling student at the time of the Union Elections, and throughout the academic year 2024/25.

## Can I stand for more than one role?

You can only stand for one Volunteer Officer position at a time during the Autumn Elections.

However, any student can also stand as an NUS Delegate, including currently elected Sabbatical or Volunteer Officers, or Volunteer Officer candidates. For example, in the Autumn Elections, you could stand as a Volunteer Officer as well as a NUS Delegate.

## Which role is best for me?

You can find out more information about all the specific roles and remits within the role descriptions [here](#). We also offer a one-to-one drop-in service, where you can meet with one of our current Sabbatical Officers or a member of staff to speak about a particular role. You can book a drop-in meeting via our [online booking system here](#).

## How do I put myself forward?

You can submit your nomination online through the [Student Union Website](#) until **12:00 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**. You need to nominate yourself for a specific role in the Elections Portal online and sign the digital Officer Code of Conduct form.

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## Do I need seconders?

No, due to Election Regulations passed at a General Meeting in 2022/23, students do not need seconders to nominate themselves in the Student Union Elections.