

## 2023 UTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ELECTION

# Nomination Information for Candidates

THIS NOTICE SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE "2023 UTS ELECTION NOTICE"

### Nominations close at 2pm TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023

The election is governed by the UTS Students' Association Constitution as amended and the Election Regulation as amended. Copies are available at <https://utsstudentsassociation.org.au/governance/constitution>.

This document contains summary information taken from the principal documents and should be read very **CAREFULLY**.

#### 1. Eligibility

Any person who is a registered student at UTS, (excluding students currently on approved leave of absence) is eligible to stand for election and to vote. For some positions there are additional requirements for persons wishing to stand and/or vote. They are:

- Postgraduate Officer to be elected by and from postgraduate students
- Women's Officer to be elected by and from women students
- International Students' Officer to be elected by and from students who hold a current Overseas Student Visa.
- Indigenous Students' Officer to be elected by and from Indigenous Students

Candidates and nominators must all be eligible to vote in the particular position they are standing for, or nominating someone for. A student can only nominate 1 candidate per position.

1. **How to nominate** ALL CANDIDATES MUST READ THE ELECTION REGULATIONS WHICH GOVERN THE RUNNING OF THE ELECTION. These are available from the UTSSA website at <https://utsstudentsassociation.org.au/governance/constitution>.

The nomination of a candidate for election shall be made in writing on the approved Nomination Form, signed by three (3) students eligible to vote for that particular position and countersigned by the candidate indicating their willingness to accept the nomination. Candidates may also submit a policy statement and a photograph for identification to appear in the election edition of Vertigo (this is not compulsory but advised). Statements and photos must also be provided digitally, via USB or email.

1. **Group Nominations (Lists/Tickets)** Group nominations are possible where there is more than one position available for a particular office, i.e. for Student Representative Councillors and NUS, and is required for Editors of Vertigo. When a number of people are grouped together they may run under a common name and policy statement.

Candidates who wish to be grouped together by mutual consent must first complete an individual nomination form with three eligible nominators and then signify their willingness to be part of a List and accept their seniority rank by signing the List Grouping Form which must be submitted along with all the nominations for persons on the list prior to the close of nominations.

Any person nominated as a List agent should be aware that it is their responsibility to be contactable at all times by the Returning Officer, and to pass on to the candidates in their List any information given to them by the Returning Officer.

1. **Submitting Nominations** Nomination forms must be emailed to the Returning Officer no later than 2pm Tuesday 19 September 2023 or alternatively, may be received at the Association Office at

Broadway, from 12 noon to 2pm on Tuesday 19 September 2023. Soft copies of photos and statements are also required.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 2pm TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2023.** No material will be accepted after this time.

**1. Draw for Positions on the Ballot Paper**

This will take place at 4pm Thursday 21 September 2023 on zoom. All candidates and members are invited to witness the Draw.

**2. Candidates Meeting**

A candidates meeting will be held on zoom immediately following the Draw for ballot paper positions on Thursday 21 September. At this meeting, Candidates, List Agents, and Students of UTS will have the opportunity to discuss any aspects of the election with the Returning Officer. If you are unable to attend you may contact the Returning Officer by email or phone to discuss any issues.

**3. Behaviour During the Election**

Aggressive, offensive, racist, sexist, or intimidatory behavior or material from candidates or their supporters will not be tolerated.

**4. Voting**

Now that the Covid restrictions are gone, voting will revert to the usual On-Campus In-Person style.

The ballot will be a secret ballot counted using the quota preferential system as outlined in Schedule 2 of the Election Regulations.

Polling booths will be located in at least 5 buildings around the campus and be open from 10.30 to 1.30pm and again from 3.30pm until 6.30 pm during the voting period.

The Voting period is from Tuesday 17 October to Thursday 19 October 2023 inclusive.

**1. Postal Voting**

Any member of the Association who is entitled to vote and who will be absent from campus during voting times may apply for a postal vote. The application for a postal vote must be in writing and must be sent to the Returning Officer before the close of nominations. Forms are available on the UTSSA website.

**2. Closed Campus**

All persons campaigning for any candidate or group in the campaigning period must be a currently enrolled student of UTS, not including students currently on an approved leave of absence or banned from nominating or participating in an election by the Grievance Committee. No other person may campaign or engage in the promotion of any candidate or group, whether online or in person.

**3. Campaigning Period**

The period of election shall begin at 5 pm, on Monday 2 October 2023. (15 days before the first day of voting). No form of campaigning or promotion of any candidate or group, whether online or in person, is permitted before this period.

#### 4. **Further Information**

Any questions you may have can be directed to the Returning Officer, Matthew Gregg, on 0422 496 585 or at [mail@matthewgregg.com.au](mailto:mail@matthewgregg.com.au).

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