



## 2025 Nomination Information

Please ensure you read the [Notice of Election](#) for key information about the timeline.

### Who can nominate, and for what?

To nominate (or vote) for any election, you must be a currently enrolled UTS student. This does not include who are on leaves of absence (commonly referred to as 'deferred').

Some elections are identified roles, which means that you must belong to the relevant electorate to nominate or vote in that election. Please see the Notice for details.

Students are permitted to nominate for no more than five positions in the Council elections, not including the Delegates to NUS election. Students may not cross-nominate between both Vertigo and Council elections.

### How do I nominate?

There are four nomination forms, hosted via Google Forms:

- [for single-seat Office-Bearer roles](#);
- [for the General Members of Council](#);
- [for the Delegates to NUS](#); and,
- [for the Vertigo editorial team](#).

Use the appropriate form for your intended nomination. The forms are straightforward. Please note that what you enter in the "preferred name" field will be *exactly* how your first name will appear on the ballot: but the RO reserves the right to reject a preferred name that is not, in fact, a name (e.g. "Vote 1 Here" so on).

For the General Members of Council election, please note that this is a *bulk nomination form* that permits an entire List to nominate together in a single form. The form allows for fourteen candidates to nominate together. The order of submission of these candidates is *strictly* the order you will appear on the ballot.

If you require more than fourteen candidates, you must submit a second form and indicate via email (a) that you wish these two nomination forms to be conjoined and (b) which candidate will be the leading candidate.

In all other cases, the nomination form is for a single candidate.

## Nominators

All candidates for all elections must be supported by three nominators.

Each nominator may nominate only one candidate *per election*. (A nominator can nominate different candidates in different elections.)

Nominators must sign together on a single form per candidate nomination.

The nominator form is a form-fillable PDF. Do not insert text boxes; do not insert comments. Use the fillable form fields. If you do not know how, [click this link](#).

## Policy Statements and Photos

Space to submit a policy statement and photo is included on every nomination form. This is not necessary for your nomination, but it is a good idea.

There are maximum word limits, strictly enforced and counted by the magic of Excel.

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| • President                       | 500 words |
| • General Secretary               | 500 words |
| • Assistant General Secretary     | 400 words |
| • Education Officer               | 400 words |
| • Welfare Officer                 | 400 words |
| • Postgraduate Officer            | 400 words |
| • Womens' Officer                 | 400 words |
| • International Students' Officer | 400 words |
| • Indigenous Students' Officer    | 400 words |
| • Candidates for Vertigo          | 200 words |
| • All other candidates            | 250 words |

An additional 2000 words is available for List Statements: these are provided through the General Members Form or the Vertigo Form. In the unlikely event your List is not running in either of those elections, please contact the Returning Officer.

A List may assign a further 1000 words across its candidates for their individual statements. This is allocated automatically in order of precedence (above) unless otherwise directed by email to the RO.

Candidate photographs have a maximum size of 1MB and will be automatically cropped to 1:1. This may make you look foolish: I suggest you crop your photos to a 1:1 aspect ratio before submission.

## Voting

Polling and voting are conducted in the usual optional preferential single-transferable-vote system, with Upper House style ATL/BTL options where vacancies are greater than one.

## Lists

A List is a group of like-minded students who agree to campaign under a shared name and appear together on the ballot i.e. a party. Your List must be indicated in the nomination form. The ballot will show which List you are a member of.

There is no separate List registration form. List Agents are registered via all Forms.

List names may not be longer than 45 characters, strictly enforced. Refer to the Regulations for limits on List Names (Regulation 7.3, page 5).

## Other Information

A campaign briefing for candidates and List Agents is scheduled for 17 September (This date may be subject to change.) This will discuss campaigning rules and expectations, as well as my general approach during the campaign and polling period.

I hope my reputation precedes me: I expect strict compliance with the letter and spirit of the rules, and in return you can expect even-keeled fairness on my part. Attempts especially to evade responsibility, bullshit me, or interfere with basic electoral integrity are unacceptable, and such actions have resulted in the full disqualification of candidates in the past. Act accordingly.

A ballot draw is scheduled for 22 September. If you are interested in watching me type “=RANDBETWEEN(1,1000)” and then press “RIGHT” > “CTRL-DOWN” > “LEFT” > “CTRL-SHIFT-UP” > “CTRL-SHIFT-D” (nineteen times) then you may email me to attend a Zoom screen-shared meeting. The full ballot draw for all elections will be issued to all candidates via email and a record of the random draws will be stored.

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