



2026 Candidate Nomination Information

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

Who can nominate, and for what?

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

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

Students may nominate for no more than five positions in the Council elections, not including the Delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS) election.

How do I nominate?

There are three nomination forms, hosted via Google Forms:

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

Use the appropriate form for your intended nomination.

Please note that what you enter in the 'preferred name' field will be *exactly* how your first name will appear on the ballot. The Returning Officer reserves the right to reject a preferred name that is not, in fact, a name (e.g. "Vote 1 Here").

General Members of Council

The General Members of Council form is a bulk nomination form that permits an entire List to nominate together in a single form.

The form allows up to fourteen candidates to nominate together. The order in which candidates are submitted is strictly the order in which they will appear on the ballot.

If you require more than fourteen candidates, you must submit a second form and indicate by email to the Returning Officer:

- that you wish the two nomination forms to be conjoined;
- and which candidate will be the leading candidate.

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

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 the nomination forms.

List names may not be longer than 45 characters. This limit will be strictly enforced.

Refer to the [Regulations](#) for further restrictions on List names (Regulation 7.3, page 5).

Nominators

All candidates for all elections must be supported by three nominators, with a copy of the [Nominator Form](#) uploaded to the relevant nomination form.

Each nominator may nominate only one candidate *per election*. A nominator may, however, nominate different candidates in different elections.

Nominators must sign together on a single form for each candidate nomination.

Policy Statements and Candidate Photos

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

Policy statements and candidate photos will be included in an election edition of *Vertigo*, which will be made available as a digital publication. Limited physical copies will be made available for prospective voters at polling booth locations during the polling period.

There are maximum word limits for policy statements, which will be strictly enforced.

Position	Word limit
President	500 words
General Secretary	500 words
Assistant General Secretary	400 words
Education Officer	400 words
Welfare Officer	400 words
Postgraduate Officer	400 words
Women's Officer	400 words
International Students' Officer	400 words
Indigenous Officer	400 words
General Members of Council	250 words
Delegate to the NUS	250 words

Candidate photographs have a maximum size of 1MB and will be automatically cropped to 1:1. To avoid looking foolish, I suggest you crop your photos to a 1:1 aspect ratio before uploading your photo for submission.

List Statements

An additional 2,000 words is available for List Statements: these are provided through the General Members of Council 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 1,000 words across its candidates for their individual statements.

Voting

Voting uses an optional preferential system. You can number candidates in the order you prefer (1, 2, 3, etc.), but you do not have to number every candidate.

Where there is more than one position to be elected, you can vote either:

- Above the line (ATL): vote for a group or List. Your preferences will be distributed according to the order nominated by that group or List; or
- Below the line (BTL): vote directly for individual candidates by numbering them in your preferred order.

Votes are counted using the single transferable vote (STV) system. This means that as candidates are elected or eliminated, votes can be transferred to the voter's next available preference.

Campaign Briefing

A campaign briefing for candidates and List Agents is scheduled for 6:00 PM, 24 September. This will discuss campaigning rules and expectations, as well as my general approach during the campaign and polling period.

I expect strict compliance with both the letter and spirit of the rules. In return, you can expect me to approach the election with consistency and fairness. Attempts to evade responsibility, circumvent the rules or interfere with the basic integrity of the electoral process will not be tolerated and may result in the disqualification of candidates.

Ballot Draw

A ballot draw is scheduled for 10:00 AM, 25 September to determine the position of candidates and Lists on the ballot papers.

If you are interested in watching me type '=RANDBETWEEN(1,1000)' and then press 'RIGHT' > 'CTRL-DOWN' > 'LEFT' > 'CTRL-SHIFT-UP' > 'CTRL-SHIFT-D' continuously, 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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