

TIME TO LEAD

**Postgraduate Research
Faculty Representative**



About Us

The University of Bristol Students' Union is a membership organisation democratically led by students, for students. We represent over 30,000 student members and work to make sure that you get the best from time at university by providing over 300 clubs and societies, offering free support services and academic advice and representing students on the issues that matter to you.

Students drive and are at the heart of everything we do:

- We are the collective voice of University of Bristol students
- We support activities, so students can try new things and develop skills
- We advise, support and empower students to make change
- We are a vibrant social hub
- We provide quality services for the benefit of students

Our Values

It's not just what we do that matters, it's how we do it. We will reflect what is most important to our students:



We are loud and proud about **equality, diversity and inclusion**. We are a Union for all students.



We want our students to thrive, so we support the **wellbeing** of our students through the services that we offer and the campaigns that we run.



We believe **community** matters; we create a sense of belonging across the student body through out student groups, networks, events and spaces.



Sustainability underpins all that we do; we want our Union, our University and our planet, to be here for the long term.



We believe opportunities for joy, humour and positivity are important, we want our students to have **fun** whilst at University.

About the Role

Job Title	Faculty Representative (Postgraduate Research)
Working Hours	Approximately 100 hours across the 26-27 academic year
Honorarium	£1,500 (payment spread across December and May and dependent on agreed outputs and subject to tax)
Based At	Senate House

What skills and experience could I gain from a role like this?

Leadership

Management

Responsibility

Problem-Solving

Organisation

Influence

- Develop leadership and management skills by co-chairing forums and working with senior academic staff to influence decision making
- Demonstrate passion and resilience through an ability and willingness to take on additional responsibility
- Develop confidence and experience in attending committees, having demonstrable organisational skills, and being used to getting your voice heard in meetings
- Gain important insight into how a large, complex organisation is run
- Recognise and value the views and differences of others by working with students from diverse backgrounds

Successful Faculty Representatives are supported by a wide range of professional staff teams across democracy and representation, student activities, events, digital & marketing, finance and research & insight, lettings and more. If you're elected, these staff will ensure you are trained and have the support needed to carry out this role.

About You

What knowledge & experiences and skills & abilities would help me in a role like this?		Essential/ Desirable (E/D)
1	Current student at the University of Bristol, who will be a student in the 26/27 academic year	E
2	A passion for making change through building community in your faculty	E
3	Previous experience of representing a group of peers	D
4	A commitment to the values and behaviours of Bristol SU	E
5	Familiar with higher education policy and how it impacts students at the University of Bristol or willing to develop that knowledge with support from Bristol SU	E



What can you expect from the role?

- To lead PGR student representation in your Faculty, through the academic representation system
- To represent the Faculty's student interests and priorities, at University level
- To engage with Bristol SU's democratic structures, and attend relevant meetings and forums

Faculty Reps spend an average of 3-4 hours a week on their role during term-time. This includes fixed commitments (such as Faculty Academic Rep Forums or Student Council) and time spent proactively communicating with PGR Reps, Faculty and Bristol Doctoral College staff.

Fixed time commitments are:

- Faculty Academic Rep Forum meetings - approx. twice a term
- Bristol Doctoral College & SU meetings - typically five times a year
- Student Representative Assembly - typically five times a year
- Student Council - typically twice a year
- Annual Members Meeting - once a year
- Regular one-to-one or team sessions with your Bristol SU Academic Rep Coordinator - every 4 to 6 weeks

What does a typical month look like?

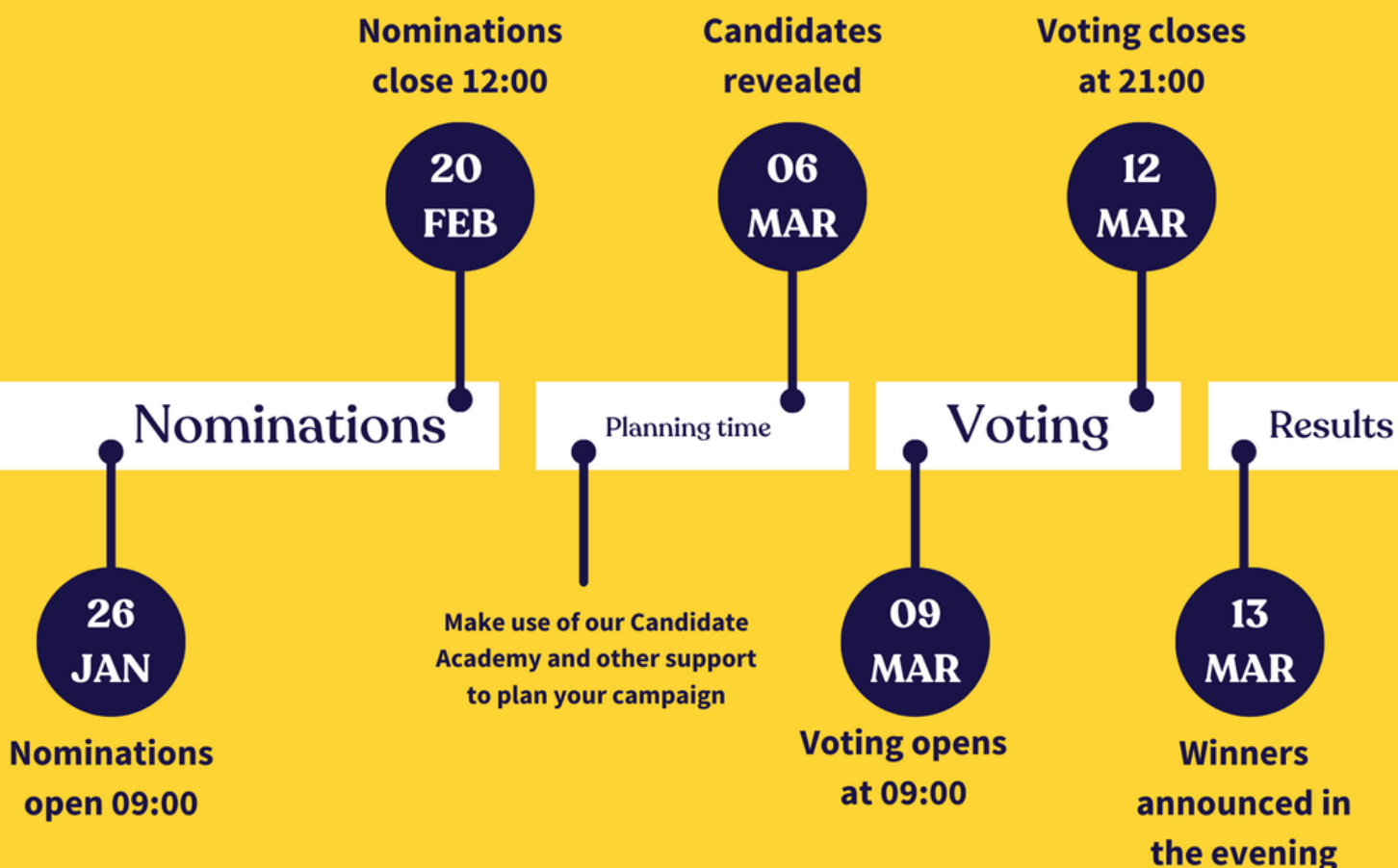


A typical month as a Faculty Rep can vary! You might be attending an SU democratic event, chairing a Faculty Student Academic Rep forum, or running your own meet up with your reps to gather feedback on specific issues. You can expect a monthly meeting with your designated SU one to one, and you might also be meeting with the elected Education Officers to discuss the academic experience and policy at the university.



What support do you get running in an SU election?

- Sign making workshop to make your campaign materials, with free access to paint and other materials
- Access to the [Candidate SharePoint](#) containing useful resources
- Candidate 1:1 calls to find out more information and answer any questions you may have
- Exclusive series of candidate academy sessions to support you with preparing your elections campaign
- Candidate Breakfasts – during voting week, you'll get free breakfast in Senate House every day. This is also a chance for you to talk to other candidates and SU staff.
- Calm space during voting week
- Candidate Results Night with celebration refreshments
- Budget for specific candidate expenses





What time commitments are there?

To help you get your voice heard by the University and other students, you'll need to commit some time ahead of the election. This could be because you're training or campaigning to become a student leader; it's an exciting and rewarding period!

The Important Stuff

You'll need to write a personal statement, which is your chance to tell students who you are, why you are standing for elections, what your plans are in the role, and why you should get elected. It's time to show them why you're the best person for the role. Please submit this personal statement by **12pm 27 February 2026**.

This year, we are running two Rules Briefings on **Weds 25 Feb 12.30-15.00** and **Tues 3 Mar 12.00-14.30**, and we will ask which one you're attending once you've put in your nomination. It is a compulsory session and you won't be able to campaign if you miss it!

Voting week runs from **9 March 2026 to 12 March 2026** and this is also your time to campaign. We highly recommend you go out there, show your face, and chat with as many students as possible. As a Faculty Rep, you'll be giving student voices a platform and helping to make positive changes to student's academic experience. Telling them what you hope to do will enhance your chances of winning!

We will be letting you know the results on **13 March 2026** in the SU Living Room. You're welcome to bring your friends/campaign team along with you, and there will be SU staff to offer support should you need it.

Extra Time Commitments Include:

- 1 day of in person training in June 2026
- Team building activity in early September (date TBC)

Candidate Academy



We want to make sure you feel supported if you decide to run in the elections and run a series of sessions to give you more information about the role and how to campaign, such as:

**I Want to Represent Students -
Which Role is Best for Me?**

What is a Faculty Rep?

Personal Statement Workshop

You can see the whole programme by clicking here or scanning the QR code below!

