

TIME TO LEAD

Student Living Officer

Full-Time Officer



Bristol SU



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	Student Living Officer
Working Hours	Normal working hours (9 am – 5 pm), with flexibility depending on events.
Salary	£29,179
Based At	The Richmond Building and Senate House, a hybrid working model.

What skills could I gain from a role like this?

Working as a team

Engage with local communities and issues that affect students

Communicating confidently

Critical thinking and problem solving

Ability to express your ideas

Researching and organising on issues

- Ensures that students have access to good advice about accommodation and housing, financial matters and health and welfare; representing this to the uni and supporting student-led initiatives
- Leads and responds to issues facing students within University accommodation and the private-rented sector
- Collaborates with Student Community Organisers to build power with students to make change
- Liaises with the local council regarding housing and student issues and ensures that students are represented as residents in the local community and effective input from students is provided for local policy-making
- Provides strategic oversight for the Union lettings agency
- Ensures that the Union and University are committed to sustainable practices in their activities and policies and supports relevant student groups and Student Community Organisers in the organisation and delivery of sustainability, environmental and ethical campaigns
- You'll automatically become a trustee of Bristol SU. You can find more information about what a trustee is [here](#) (don't worry, we support you with this!)

Successful Full Time Officers 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 help you to deliver the change you want to see and support on student priorities for the year.

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, either finishing your degree in 2026 or able to take a year out of your degree to work full-time	E
2	A determination to help develop the student experience	E
3	Experience supporting housing campaigns	D
4	A commitment to the values and behaviours of Bristol SU	E
5	A previous experience supporting student living experiences	D



What can you expect from the role?

- You will develop a deep knowledge of transport, housing, wellbeing services and harm reduction initiatives, as well as sustainability practices and food provisions - everything to do with what it means to live as a student!
- Negotiating wins for students, like better housing conditions and cheaper food provision
- Attend interactive conferences on behalf of students like relevant NUS Conferences and various higher education thinktanks panels
- Opportunities to influence nationally, whether it is travelling to Westminster to lobby MPs about tuition fees and contributing to All Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) on students, or building local connections with WECA and Bristol City Council
- Represent student views in meetings with senior stakeholders such as the Vice Chancellor
- Contribute to consultations and reports
- Deliver creative campaigns
- Represent students on national TV and radio, create blogs, host award shows and organise events

What does a typical day look like?

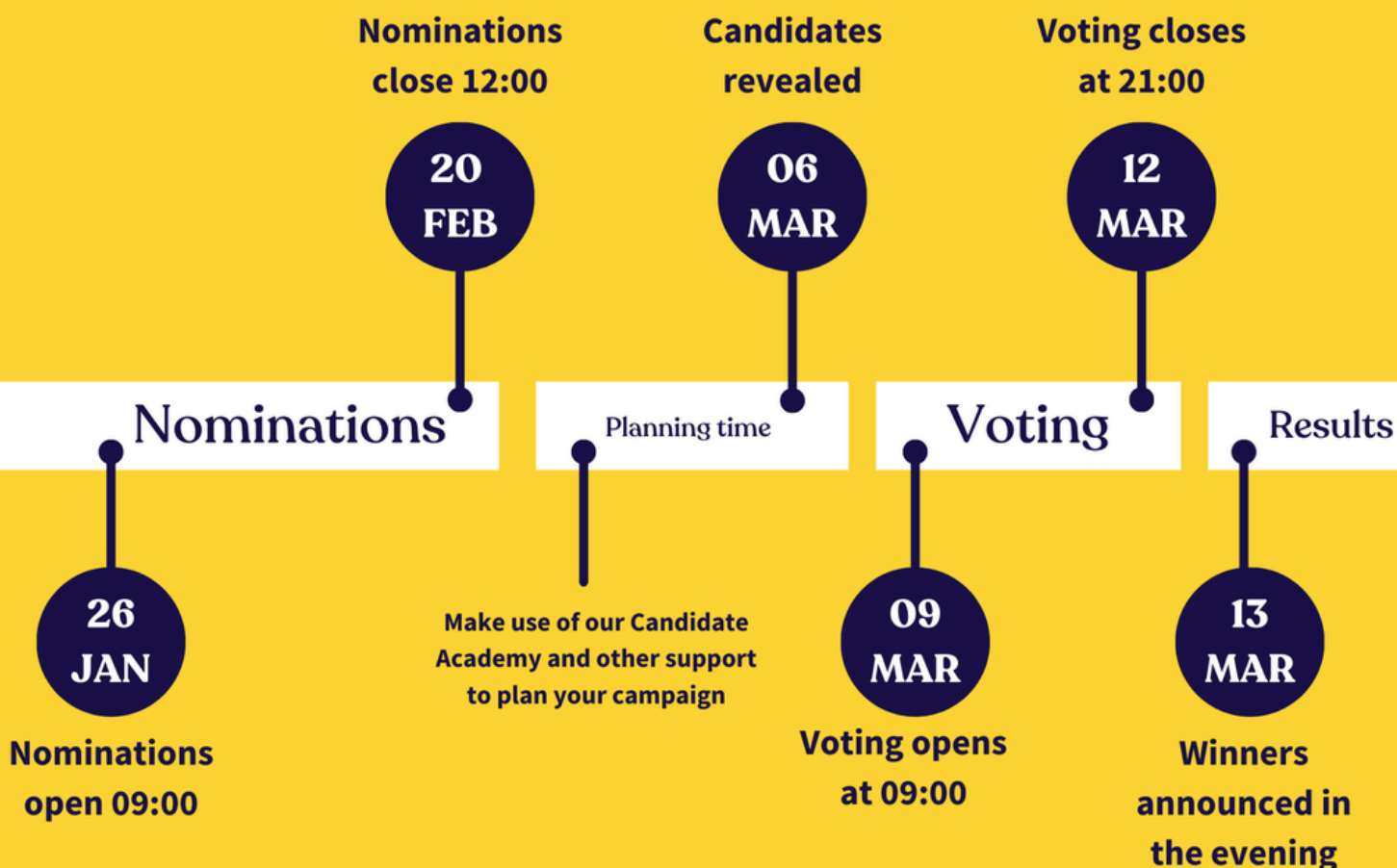


The Student Living Officer represents students in terms of accommodation, finance, interaction with the local community, sustainability and their wellbeing. They work with the University's support services to ensure that students can be healthy and happy during their time at Bristol – this might be working with relevant student groups on housing, hosting a forum for feedback on transport in the city or attending a sustainability strategy meeting. You can help to provide information on how students lead their lives from anything like housing to working on campaigns such as My Rent My Rights.



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 as well as SU staff and a mentor (if you want!)
- Calm space during voting week
- Candidate Results Night with celebration refreshments
- Budget for specific candidate expenses
- An SU staff mentor to give you 1:1 support throughout voting week





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!

Time commitments include:

- If you get the role, 6 weeks of Induction starting at the **end of June, including a residential**

For the election, you'll need to write a personal statement. This 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 job.

Please submit this personal statement by **12 pm, Friday 27 February 2026**.

The Important Stuff

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! As a Full-time Officer candidate, we will also take your professional headshot to be used in your campaign - we will let you know more details once you've nominated.

Voting week runs from **9 March 2025 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 Full Time Officer, you'll be giving student voices a platform, campaigning for student rights, and making positive changes to student life. 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.

Candidate Academy



Want to know more? The elections team support candidates by running an Academy with lots of useful sessions, such as:

What is a Full-time Officer?

Personal Statement Workshop

How to build a successful campaign

You can see the whole programme by clicking [here](#) or scanning the QR code below!

