

Tasmania University Union

Student Elections 2019

Candidate Information



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GET INVOLVED

We welcome your interest in the Annual TUU Election and encourage you to nominate for a TUU Student Representative position to have an active voice for all university students and help enhance the student experience.

As well as reading the Position Description and understanding the duties of the position you are interested in, there are some other important things you need to know about participating in the annual election.



ELIGIBILITY

Are you eligible to nominate for TUU student representative positions? Check the PDs for eligibility criteria. If you or your nominators do not have a valid enrolment, your **NOMINATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**.

Don't be disappointed, check your eligibility and get your nomination in and confirmed early. You must comply with the University of Tasmania Rule 6 Admission, Assessment and Student Progress clause 4.3.1 before the close of the electoral roll on 23rd August 2019. We recommend that you check your eligibility early.



You can check your eligibility and in particular, sanctions that indicate outstanding amounts owing to the University, by logging into eStudent and looking under 'Fees' or by contacting UConnect

utas.edu.au/uconnect

KEY DATES

Nominations Open: 9 am Thursday 8 August 2019

Nominations Close: 5 pm Friday 23 August 2019

Electoral Roll Closes: 5 pm Friday 23 August 2019

Online Polling Opens: 9 am Monday 16 September 2019

Online Polling Closes: 5 pm Thursday 19 September 2019

Scrutiny: 10 am Friday 20 September 2019 (TUU Boardroom, Sandy Bay campus)



CAMPAIGNING IDEAS

As a candidate in the TUU student elections, you will want to encourage as many University of Tasmania students as possible to vote for you. All current students at the University of Tasmania are entitled to vote, provided they satisfy the valid enrolment criteria under Rule 6.

The most common tried and true campaign methods involve posters, leaflets and talking to students. It may be in your best interest to not only talk to students on your campus, but to get down to the satellite campuses and find out what students want and need there too.



To get your message across about why people should vote for you, you can use almost any method you like. Be as creative as you want, however, there are a few rules that you must follow and there are electoral offences that can carry a penalty.

Please refer to the TUU Election Policy for important information regarding campaigning, posters, electoral material and other election rules. All the information about the election will be placed on the TUU website at tuu.com.au/elections

ELECTION TRIBUNAL

As per the TUU Election Policy an Election Tribunal is appointed each year to receive complaints, investigate alleged breaches of electoral rules and determine appropriate disciplinary action. Members of the Election Tribunal for 2019 will be listed on the TUU website once assigned.



CANDIDATE STATEMENTS & PHOTO

It is important to follow the instructions provided on the Nomination Form regarding lodgment of your Candidate Statement and photo, which must be received by the Returning Officer at tuu.elections@utas.edu.au prior to the close of nominations.



VOTING

Voting will be conducted online. Only students eligible to vote in the annual election will receive an email at the commencement of voting, which contains a link to the on-line polling. Candidates' names will appear in a random rotation order each time the on-line polling is accessed.



SCRUTINEERS

Scrutineers are people who check to ensure that the process of vote counting is conducted fairly and in accordance with the election regulations of the TUU. All candidates may appoint scrutineers, however only one scrutineer per candidate is allowed. Scrutineers are not to communicate with or hassle voters.



A candidate cannot be a scrutineer for other candidates. Scrutineers may be present for the online 'vote count'. To appoint a scrutineer the candidate must complete the scrutineer form available from the TUU website after close of nominations and needs to be submitted to the Returning Officer.



WE'RE CHANGING OUR STRIPES GET INVOLVED

The Tasmania University Union is changing. We've had some great successes in recent years and run some fantastic initiatives to support the students at the University of Tasmania.

These have included:

- Provision of funding for the SIPS internships.
- Lobbied the BoM to consider the ethical case for divestment.
- Introduction of the Find the Right Blend campaign which is focused on creating a safe, fair and well university community.
- Entered into formal partnerships with Red Frogs Australia, Metro Tasmania, Produce to the People, Orange Sky and Edge Radio.
- Improved brand recognition of the TUU through expanding our social media presence.
- Supported a growing number of student societies and sports clubs.
- Provided support for students through our independent advocacy service as well as financially supporting other initiatives like the Student Legal Service.

The University and its community has undergone rapid change in recent years and we'd like to adapt to those changes to better serve the students. We want to know more about the students we represent and give them a strong voice through quality student representation.

You can be a part of this transformation by getting involved with your TUU and help shape our future as well as your own with opportunities to innovate, grow and become community leaders both now and into the future.

Why get involved with the TUU?

- You'll be rewarded for your efforts.
- You'll enjoy a flexible work environment that fits in with your studies.
- A strong emphasis on career development.
- Leadership and collaboration opportunities within the University Community.
- A supportive team-based network that will ensure you meet your goals.

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