

Your SU Leadership

Elections

Postgraduate
Research Officer
2025/26



Role description:

This role is responsible for gathering the views of students of postgraduate research (PGR) students and representing them to the university. They act as the primary spokesperson for all students studying PGR courses, at every level with the university, Students' Union and wider community to ensure that everyone is represented and has the opportunity to shape their university experience. The PGR Officer will also contribute to the development of a student community across the research centres through representation, campaigns and events.

Part-Time Officers can work up to 10 hours per week in their role. This will mostly be through representing students at the research centres, campaigning on specific issues, running activities or events and talking to students to gather feedback. It is a unique experience which can be as much, or as little as you make of it. Beyond a few core meetings you must attend, you get to decide how to focus your time as an Officer representing students and completing your manifesto.

An ideal candidate will be passionate about creating change for students and representing the views of students studying in all research centres. This includes building relationships and managing stakeholders to be as effective as possible. This role is only open to students studying a PGR course and you must be a PGR student for at least 6 months of the Term of Office to be eligible.

Skills you will develop:

- Project planning
- Communication skills
- Networking and negotiating
- Organisation
- Time management
- Campaign management
- Presentation skills
- Public speaking
- Effective use of social media
- Assertiveness
- Being a representative
- Leading a team of volunteers
- Working as a team
- Working independently
- Data collection

How to apply:

This role is only open to students studying a PGR course and you must be a PGR student for at least 6 months of the Term of Office to be eligible to stand. If you are a current student midway through your course, you are still able to apply for the role and work alongside your studies.

To apply, simply go to yoursu.org/elections