

Frequently Asked Questions

Every year, students elect over 20 Student Representatives to represent all 17,000+ students at Stirling in the next academic year to the University and beyond. From part-time Volunteer Officers in each of the Zones to four, full-time, paid Sabbatical Officers.

What's a Sabbatical Officer?

Sabbatical Officers provide the overall leadership of the Union and achieve political, social and education change that will have a lasting impact on the student experience at the University of Stirling.

The core Sabbatical Officer team consists of four positions – [Union President](#), [Sports Union President](#), [Vice President Education](#), and [Vice President Communities](#). These full-time, paid officers, work together and independently on campaigns, projects and represent the student voice at Stirling.

What does a Sabbatical Officer do?

Sabbatical Officers consult with the student body in order to represent their interest appropriately and maintain close links with the local and national community. Sabbatical Officers deliver change projects and campaigns based on their manifesto, examples of which include the Community Food Initiative and the Personal Tutor Review.

Are Sabbatical Officers paid?

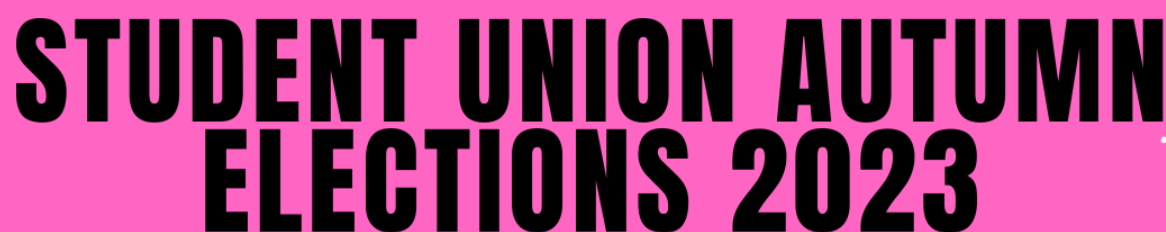
The Sabbatical Officer role is a fixed-term 12-month role, based in Stirling, with an annual salary of £20,800 (28 days holiday pro rata). Sabbatical Officers will be working around 35 hours a week, with some weekend and evening work, depending on the needs of the role and priorities for the year.

What's a Volunteer Officer?

Volunteer Officers sit on the Union's Executive Council, alongside the Sabbatical Officers, representing and championing the rights and views of all students. The Volunteer Officer roles are designed to be flexible and fit around your studies, with all core responsibilities taking no more than 10 voluntary hours a month. Volunteer Officers are supported in delivering a campaign or project to enhance the student experience relating to a specific remit.

What's an NUS Delegate?

NUS Delegates will represent the views of Stirling Students at a National level. Every year, the National Union of Students (NUS) bring together conferences of student representatives to decide which campaigns and policy work NUS should take forward. The conference also elects student members to lead this work for the coming year.



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What roles being Elected in the Autumn Election?

During the Autumn Election 2023, the following positions will be elected:

- Alternative Pathways Volunteer Officer
- Engagement Volunteer Officer
- Health and Wellbeing Volunteer Officer
- Mature Students Volunteer Officer
- Postgraduate Volunteer Officer
- NUS Delegates (There are 4 positions available for NUS National Conference, and 5 positions available for NUS Scotland Conference. Please note that NUS require 50% of Delegates registered for the conference to self-define as a woman.)

What roles am I eligible to stand for in the Autumn Elections?

For Volunteer Officer and NUS Delegate roles, you need to be a University of Stirling student at the time of the Union Elections, and until June 2024 at least.

For specific eligibility information, please see the specific role descriptions [here](#).

Can I stand for more than one role?

You can only stand for one Volunteer Officer role at a time during the Autumn Elections.

However, any student can also stand as an NUS Delegate, including currently elected Sabbatical or Volunteer Officers, or Volunteer Officer candidates. For example, in the Autumn Elections, you could stand as a Volunteer Officer as well as a NUS Delegate.

Which role is best for me?

You can find out more information about all the specific roles and remits within the role descriptions [here](#). We also offer a one-to-one drop-in service, where you can meet with one of our current Sabbatical Officers or a member of staff to speak about a particular role. You can book a drop-in meeting via our [online booking system here](#).

How do I put myself forward?

You can submit your nomination online through the [Student Union Website](#) until **12:00 BST on 2nd October 2023**. You need to nominate yourself for a specific role in the Elections Portal online and to return a signed Officer Code of Conduct form.

Do I need seconders?

No, due to new Election Regulations passed at a General Meeting, students do not need seconders to nominate themselves in the Student Union Elections.



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