



2026 TUSA Elections Handbook



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Introduction

Welcome to the TUSA Student Council Elections Handbook! This guide is designed to provide you with all the information you need to successfully run for a position in the upcoming elections. Whether you're passionate about improving campus life, advocating for student rights, or simply looking to gain valuable leadership experience, becoming an elected TUSA student representative is a powerful way to make a difference.

The Tasmanian University Student Association (TUSA) has been the voice of UTAS students since 1899, making it one of the oldest and most respected student unions in Australia. As an elected student representative, you'll join a long tradition of student leaders who have shaped the university experience for countless peers.

In this role, you'll have the opportunity to represent the diverse voices of just under 30,000 UTAS students, influence key university decisions, and contribute to the vibrant university culture through events, programs, and initiatives. Along the way, you'll develop skills in governance, leadership, and communication – skills that will not only enhance your university experience but also set you up for future success.

This handbook will walk you through the entire process, from understanding the available positions to planning your campaign, and finally, to what it means to be an elected student representative. We're here to support you every step of the way as you embark on this exciting journey to make a real impact at UTAS.

Why Run?

Running for a TUSA elected student representative position is more than just an opportunity to add an impressive title to your resume – it's your chance to make a real, tangible impact on the UTAS community. As an elected student representative, you'll be at the forefront of advocating for student needs, shaping university policies, and enhancing the overall student experience.

Here's why you should consider running:



- **Make a Difference for Students:** As an elected representative, you'll have a real say in shaping student life, from academic policies to campus culture. You'll be the voice for approximately 30,000 UTAS students, standing up for fairness, equity, and the issues your peers care most about.
- **Be a Champion for Change:** Whether it's pushing for better mental health support, fairer assessment policies, or more inclusive events, you'll be in a position to challenge the status quo and make UTAS a better place for every student.
- **Work Alongside and For Your Community:** You'll collaborate with diverse students, clubs, and communities, ensuring decisions reflect the lived experiences of the people you represent.
- **Grow as a Leader and Build Your Future:** As a student representative, you'll develop valuable skills in leadership, teamwork, communication, advocacy, and decision-making while representing your peers and helping drive positive change. These experiences will strengthen your CV, support your professional growth, and help you stand out to future employers who value graduates with proven leadership and collaboration skills.
- **Get Paid:** Yes, you'll get paid for your efforts! As an elected student representative, you receive an honorarium in recognition of the dedication you invest in making UTAS a better place for all students.

Running in the TUSA elections is a unique opportunity to grow as a leader, make lasting changes at UTAS, and build a legacy that will benefit future students for years to come.

Available Positions

TUSA elected student representative roles offer a range of opportunities for students to lead, advocate, and make a meaningful impact on campus. Each role comes with specific responsibilities and time commitments. Below is an overview of the available positions:

1. President

- **Responsibilities:** The President leads the TUSA Student Council, the peak student representative body at UTAS. The President oversees its work, and acts as the primary spokesperson for the organisation. This role involves strategic planning, governance, and maintaining relationships with key stakeholders, including the university administration, and represents students at the Academic Senate and



TUSA Board of Management. The President also has a key role in leading the Students as Partners Framework development, implementation and continuance.

- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 27 hours per week.
- **Honoraria:** \$34,570 (+ Superannuation).

2. General Secretary

- **Responsibilities:** The General Secretary manages the operations of the TUSA Student Council, including strategy, governance, budget, and compliance. They also act as a liaison between the Student Council and the Editor in Chief of *Togatus* and represent students at the TUSA Board of Management.
- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 20 hours per week.
- **Honoraria:** \$24,880 (+ Superannuation).

3. Equity President

- **Responsibilities:** The Equity President advocates for students who identify as part of marginalised groups, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, LGBTQIA+ community members, students with disabilities, women, and international students, and manages the TUSA Equity Committee. They also work closely with the university's Equity Committee and other relevant bodies.
- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 12 hours per week.
- **Honoraria:** \$14,930.

4. Education President – Undergraduate

- **Responsibilities:** This role focuses on representing the academic interests of undergraduate students. The Undergraduate Education President sits on various academic committees and works closely with academic societies to ensure students' voices are heard in academic matters.
- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 10 hours per week.
- **Honoraria:** \$12,310.

5. Education President – Postgraduate

- **Responsibilities:** The Postgraduate Education President represents the academic interests of postgraduate students, engaging with university committees and



external stakeholders to advocate for this group. They also support postgraduate societies and ensure their concerns are addressed.

- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 10 hours per week.
- **Honoraria:** \$12,310.

6. Education President – Online

- **Responsibilities:** The Online Education President represents the academic interests of students studying online. They sit on various academic committees, and work closely with online students and academic societies to ensure that academic issues impacting online students are heard and addressed.
- **Time Commitment:** Approximately 10 hours per week.
- **Honoraria:** \$12,310

7. Campus Presidents (Southern, Northern, Cradle Coast, Rozelle)

- **Responsibilities:** Campus Presidents are responsible for student engagement and the activation of clubs and societies on their respective campuses. They work closely with student representatives, coordinate events, and ensure that the voices of students on their campuses are represented.
- **Time Commitment:**
 - **Southern & Northern Campus President:** Approximately 8.5 hours per week.
 - **Cradle Coast & Rozelle President:** Approximately 6.5 hours per week.
- **Honoraria:**
 - **Southern & Northern Campus President:** \$11,000
 - **Cradle Coast & Rozelle President:** \$8,380.

8. National Union of Students (NUS) Delegate

6 Delegate Positions Available

- **Responsibilities:** TUSA is affiliated with the National Union of Students (NUS) which is the peak-body organisation advocating for student values at the national level. They seek to further the voice of students to the state and federal level government. NUS Delegates represent TUSA and have a say on how the NUS shapes its policy and campaigns.



- **Time Commitment:** Attendance at the annual NUS National Conference typically held in December. Travel arrangements to be provided by TUSA.
- **Honoraria:** Assistance with Travel Expenses Only
- For more information on NUS work visit: <https://nus.asn.au/> or Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalUnionofStudentsA>

Each position offers a unique opportunity to lead and make a difference in the student community at UTAS. The roles require a commitment to student advocacy, collaboration, and a willingness to engage with diverse student groups and university stakeholders. If you are passionate about improving the student experience and ready to take on a leadership role, consider nominating yourself for one of these positions.

Eligibility Criteria

To run for a position in the TUSA Student Council Elections, candidates must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Current Enrolment Status

- Candidates must, at the time of nomination, be currently enrolled students at the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and maintain this status throughout their term in office. A currently enrolled student is defined under Clause 18.1 of the UTAS Student Participation and Attainment Ordinance and Section 2.3.1(c) of the TUSA Election Policy, which requires candidates to be enrolled in at least 12.5 credit points (1 unit) or a Higher Degree by Research program.

2. Meet Good Conduct Requirements

- Candidates must not be subject to any proceedings under a University of Tasmania Ordinance for Student Behaviour and Conduct, or where the students' conduct has been determined to be misconduct or serious misconduct in accordance with the Ordinance.

3. Meet Minimum Academic Standing Requirements

- Candidates must, at the time of nomination, hold an academic status as defined by the University of Tasmania Academic Progress Review classifications of either:
 - Good Standing; or,



- Supported (Advice) Status
- Please refer to the TUSA Election Policy for further details regarding candidate eligibility.

4. Role-Specific Requirements

- **Equity President:** Must submit signed written letters of support from two equity-focused organisations, demonstrating a commitment to representing marginalised student groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, LGBTQIA+ students, students with disabilities, women, and international students.
- **Education President – Undergraduate:** Must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student at UTAS.
- **Education President – Postgraduate:** Must be a currently enrolled postgraduate student at UTAS.
- **Education President – Online:** Must be enrolled in or regularly attend fully online units at UTAS.
- **Campus Presidents** (Southern, Northern, Cradle Coast, Rozelle): Must be enrolled at or regularly attend the specific campus for which they are running.

5. Nomination Form

- Candidates must complete and submit the official online nomination form by the specified deadline. This includes providing accurate personal information, a candidate statement, and any required supporting documentation, such as letters of endorsement for specific roles if required.

6. Candidature Requirements

- Candidates must meet the candidature requirements outlined in the TUSA Election Policy and Procedure, which include adhering to the campaign guidelines and any other specific criteria related to the role they are contesting.

By ensuring that all candidates meet these eligibility criteria, TUSA aims to maintain a fair and transparent election process, while encouraging a diverse range of students to participate and represent their peers effectively.



Nomination Process

If you're ready to step up and make a difference as a TUSA elected student representative, follow these steps to nominate yourself:

1. Check Eligibility

- Before starting the nomination process, ensure you meet all the eligibility criteria. This includes being a UTAS student, being currently enrolled in either a minimum of 12.5 credit points of units or a Higher Degree by Research program, maintaining good academic and conduct standing, and fulfilling any role-specific requirements. For any specific questions about eligibility, contact us via elections@tusa.utas.edu.au.

2. Gather Required Documents

- **Personal Information:** Prepare your basic details such as your full name, student ID, contact information including address, and the position you're nominating for.
- **Candidate Statement:** Write a brief statement (up to a maximum of 1000 characters) outlining why you're running for the position, your vision, and how you plan to contribute to the student community.
 - Please note that the Candidate Statement is the only information that will be included in the election platform for the voting period. Please ensure all information you would like to communicate to students during the voting period is contained within the Statement.
- **Supporting Documents:** If applicable, gather any required endorsements or letters of support. For example, candidates for the Equity President role need letters from two equity-focused organisations.

3. Complete the Nomination Form

- Access the official nomination form on the TUSA website. Fill in all the required fields accurately, including your personal information, candidate statement, and any supporting documents, as well as a minimum of two nominators who are current students and are in good conduct standing.
 - If nominating for the Education President – Online, or studying as a distance/online student, you will have the option to substitute the two nominators requirement with a written paragraph outlining how you plan to



engage with your student cohort online. This will be reviewed by the Returning Officer to ensure you have well considered how you will engage with your student cohort.

4. Submit Your Nomination

- Once your nomination form is complete, submit it online through the TUSA website by the specified deadline. Double-check that all information is accurate and that you have attached any required documents.

5. Confirmation of Eligibility

- After submission, your nomination will be reviewed by the TUSA Returning Officer in conjunction with the University of Tasmania to ensure you meet all the criteria. You will receive confirmation of your eligibility via email. If any issues are found, you will be contacted to address them before the nomination period closes. If you have not received written confirmation that we have received your nomination prior to the closure of the nomination period, please contact us via elections@tusa.utas.edu.au.

6. Prepare for Campaigning

- Once your nomination is confirmed, start preparing your campaign. Review the campaign guidelines provided by TUSA to ensure you adhere to all rules and regulations. Reviewing TUSA's Election Procedure is a good first step. You'll be officially notified when you can begin campaigning. Campaigning before this date is strictly prohibited.

7. Attend Mandatory Workshops

- All successful candidates are required to attend the Student Council Onboarding Workshop on the 26th and 27th of October 2026 and the Student Council Onboarding on 2nd of February 2027. These workshops are designed to equip you with the knowledge and skills needed for a successful campaign and term in office.

8. Meet the Deadlines

- **Nominations Open:** 9AM, Monday 10th August 2026



- **Nominations Close:** 5PM, Friday 21st August 2026
- Ensure that all forms and documents are submitted before the deadline. Late nominations will not be accepted.

Campaign Guidelines

Running a successful campaign is key to being elected into a TUSA student representative position. To ensure a fair and respectful election process, all candidates must adhere to the following campaign guidelines:

1. Adhere to TUSA Election Policies and Procedures

- All campaign activities must comply with the TUSA Election Policy and Election Procedure. It's crucial to familiarise yourself with these documents to avoid any breaches that could result in penalties.

2. Campaign Period

- **Start Date:** Campaigning can only begin after you receive confirmation of your eligibility and approval of your campaign materials from the TUSA. Campaigning before this date is strictly prohibited.
- **End Date:** All campaigning must cease by the close of the voting period. Ensure that all campaign activities, including online posts, are concluded by this deadline.

3. Campaign Materials

- **Approval:** All physical and digital campaign materials (posters, flyers, social media graphics, etc.) must be approved by TUSA before distribution or posting. Submit your materials for approval well in advance to avoid delays. While materials cannot be distributed or posted prior to confirmation of eligibility, they can be submitted for approval prior.
- **Content:** Campaign materials should be positive, focused on your vision and platform. Negative campaigning, including personal attacks on other candidates, is not allowed.
- **Branding:** You are allowed to use the TUSA logo on your campaign materials only if you have received explicit permission from TUSA.



4. Campaign Budget & TUSA Funding

- As per the TUSA Elections Procedure Section 6.1, confirmed candidates are eligible to apply for reimbursement of election-related expenses incurred during the campaign period, up to the following limits:
 - \$75 for candidates contesting Student Council positions;
 - \$25 for candidates contesting National Union of Students (NUS) Delegate positions; or
 - \$100 total for candidates contesting both Student Council and NUS Delegate positions.
- Reimbursements will only be approved upon submission of valid proof of purchase (e.g., receipt or tax invoice) and must be lodged by the date specified on the official TUSA Elections Reimbursement form, available by emailing elections@tusa.utas.edu.au.
 - Eligible expenses include:
 - Travel costs between UTAS campuses for campaign-related activity
 - Printing of campaign materials
 - Approved campaign merchandise (e.g., stickers, badges)
 - Promotional materials (e.g., flyers, posters)
 - Required subscriptions for campaign materials (e.g., Canva Pro)
 - Ineligible expenses include (but are not limited to):
 - Paid advertising or paid promotions on social media platforms
 - Sponsorships, gifts, or incentives for voters as per section 6.4(k) of the TUSA Elections Procedure
 - Costs unrelated to the candidate's own campaign
- TUSA reserves the right to reject reimbursement claims deemed inappropriate, excessive, or inconsistent with the TUSA Elections Procedure.

5. Use of University Resources

- You may not use UTAS resources, including university email lists, or other facilities, for campaign purposes. Campaigning in study spaces (including libraries), classrooms or during lectures is also prohibited unless explicitly permitted by the lecturer.
- You may use university printers, provided you are using a student account that requires payment to print. Use of a staff or honorary staff account is not permitted, as UTAS/TUSA resources cannot be used as per above.



6. Online Campaigning

- **Social Media:** You are encouraged to use social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok to reach students. However, all online activity must comply with the TUSA Election Policy and Procedure, be pre-approved by TUSA before posting, and the content must be respectful and free from harassment.
- **Emails:** You cannot send bulk emails that contravene the University of Tasmania Privacy Policy (i.e. email addresses cannot be used for any purpose other than the purpose for which they were collected without the consent of the student).

7. Conduct During Campaigning

- **Respect for Others:** Treat your fellow candidates, students, and university staff with respect throughout the campaign. Any form of harassment, intimidation, or disruption of other candidates' campaigns will not be tolerated.
- **Engagement:** Focus on constructive engagement with students. Use events, forums, and social media to communicate your platform and listen to student concerns.
- As per Section 6.4 of the TUSA Election Procedure, all campaigning by candidates and candidates' supporters must comply with the following:
 - Campaigning is not permitted within lecture theatres, computer labs, classrooms or libraries without express permission in writing from the person in charge of that area;
 - Do not make defamatory remarks about other candidates;
 - Do not use photos of other candidates or students without their written permission;
 - Do not make comments about other candidates without their permission;
 - All campaigning material must be factual and able to be proven upon request;
 - No bulk emails that contravene the University of Tasmania Privacy Policy (i.e. email addresses cannot be used for any purpose other than the purpose for which they were collected without the consent of the student);
 - No bullying or harassment of other candidates or voters;
 - No TUSA resources are permitted to be used by candidates, including the TUSA logo, with the exception of TUSA resources offered to all candidates by the TUSA for election purposes;
 - No campaigning at TUSA events, including the wearing of campaigning clothing with the exception of any specific election event organised by the



TUSA. These events will be communicated to you by the TUSA Elections Officer after confirmation of eligibility;

- Permitting or authorising the printing, publishing or distribution of electoral material (print or digital) that has the capacity to mislead or deceive an elector in relation to recording their vote is prohibited;
- Any attempt to influence the vote of an elector or the results by way of bribery, intimidation, coercion, misinformation or other corrupt practices is prohibited. This includes elector gift giving and food/refreshments for voters;
- An organisation, person or party other than a candidate or the group of candidates that candidate is a part of, may not incur expenditure to promote or procure the election of a candidate, except where the TUSA may incur expenditure to offer support to all candidates;
- Only UTAS students are permitted to campaign on behalf of candidates;
- All candidates and campaigners must clearly display their current UTAS student ID card while campaigning;
- All candidates including current student representatives seeking re-election, may in their capacity as a candidate communicate with the media; and
- All UTAS/TUSA governance instruments must be adhered to.

8. Campaigning on Campus

- **Posters and Flyers:** You may place TUSA approved posters and flyers in designated areas on campus. Make sure to follow the campus guidelines for posting.
- **Events:** You are encouraged to hold campaign events, but these must be scheduled in advance and approved by TUSA. Make sure to book spaces early and follow all event guidelines. TUSA can provide guidance and support.

9. Reporting Misconduct

- If you observe any violations of the campaign guidelines, report them in writing to the TUSA Returning Officer at Elections@tusa.utas.edu.au. Complaints must:
 - Clearly state the election rule(s) breached;
 - Include a concise statement of facts and any supporting evidence;
 - Not be frivolous or vexatious.
- All complaints will be investigated, and appropriate actions will be taken if necessary.



10. Consequences of Violations

- Breaching these guidelines can result in penalties, including disqualification or other sanctions as determined by the TUSA Elections Tribunal. It is your responsibility to ensure that your campaign team also adheres to these rules.

Campaign Tips

Running an effective campaign is all about connecting with students, clearly communicating your message, and standing out from the crowd. Here are some strategies to help you run a successful campaign:

1. Know Your Audience

- **Understand Student Concerns:** Take the time to learn what issues matter most to the students you want to represent. Whether it's academic policies, campus facilities, or social events, tailoring your campaign to address these concerns will resonate more with voters.
- **Diverse Engagement:** Remember that UTAS students come from various backgrounds and study at different campuses. Make sure your campaign message is inclusive and relevant to a wide audience.

2. Craft a Clear Message

- **Key Points:** Identify three to five key points that define your platform. These should be clear, actionable, and directly address the needs of the student body. Make sure these points are consistently communicated across all your campaign materials.
- **Tagline:** Create a memorable campaign tagline that encapsulates your message. This can help with brand recognition and make your campaign more memorable.

3. Leverage Social Media

- **Consistency:** Use platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok to reach students where they are most active. Regularly post updates, share your key messages, and engage with students in the comments.



- **Visual Appeal:** Use eye-catching visuals, including infographics and short videos, to communicate your ideas. Content that is visually appealing is more likely to be shared, increasing your reach.
- **Live Engagement:** Host live Q&A sessions or discussions on social media to interact with students in real time. This allows you to answer questions, clarify your platform, and show your personality.

4. Build a Strong Campaign Team

- **Delegate Tasks:** Assemble a team of passionate supporters who can help you with various tasks, from managing social media to distributing flyers. Assign specific roles to ensure your campaign runs smoothly.
- **Empower Your Team:** Encourage your team members to share their own experiences and reasons for supporting you. Personal endorsements from peers can be powerful in persuading others to vote.

5. Engage in Face-to-Face Conversations

- **Presence on Campus:** Be visible on campus. Attend events, visit popular student hangouts, and engage with students directly. Face-to-face interactions can be much more persuasive than online messaging alone.
- **Listening Tours:** Organise small meet-and-greet sessions where you can listen to students' concerns and ideas. Showing that you're willing to listen can build trust and support.

6. Utilise Creative Campaign Tactics

- **Merchandise:** Consider creating campaign merchandise like stickers, badges, or t-shirts with your campaign slogan. These can help spread your message and create a sense of solidarity among your supporters.
- **Interactive Events:** Host interactive events, such as debates, workshops, or casual coffee catchups, where students can get to know you and your platform better.

7. Network with Student Groups

- **Clubs and Societies:** Reach out to student [Clubs and Societies](#) to discuss how your platform aligns with their goals. Offer to attend their meetings or events to speak directly with their members.



- **Endorsements:** Seek endorsements from influential student groups or leaders who share your vision. Their support can lend credibility to your campaign and broaden your reach.

8. Stay Organised and Consistent

- **Campaign Calendar:** Create a campaign calendar to plan your activities, social media posts, and events. Staying organised ensures that you maintain a consistent presence throughout the campaign period.
- **Message Discipline:** Stick to your key messages throughout the campaign. Consistency helps reinforce your platform in the minds of voters.

9. Be Authentic

- **Be Yourself:** Authenticity is key in connecting with students. Be genuine in your interactions, and don't be afraid to show your personality. Voters are more likely to support candidates they feel they can relate to.
- **Transparency:** Be transparent about your plans and how you intend to achieve them. Voters appreciate honesty and clarity, which can set you apart from other candidates.

10. Follow Up After the Campaign

- **Thank Your Supporters:** Regardless of the election outcome, make sure to thank your supporters and campaign team. Showing appreciation builds lasting relationships and reflects well on your character.
- **Post-Campaign Engagement:** If elected, continue engaging with students to keep them informed about your work. If not elected, consider staying involved in student governance or other campus activities.

Election Timeline

Stay on top of key dates for the TUSA Student Council Elections to ensure you don't miss out on your chance to participate, whether you're running as a candidate or casting your vote. Here are the important dates you need to know:

- **Nominations Begin:** 9 a.m. Monday, 10 August, 2026



- Start preparing your nomination and gather all necessary documents. Make sure to submit your form as early as possible.
- **Nominations Close:** 5 p.m. Friday, 21 August, 2026
 - This is the final deadline to submit your nomination. Late submissions will not be accepted, so be sure to have everything ready.
- **Electoral Roll Closes:** 5 p.m. Friday, 21 August, 2026
 - Ensure your enrolment details are up to date by this date to be eligible to vote or run in the elections.
- **Online Voting Ballot Opens:** 4 p.m. Friday, 4 September, 2026
 - Voting begins! Check your email for the link to the online ballot and cast your vote for your preferred candidates.
- **Online Voting Ballot Closes:** Thursday midnight, 10 September, 2026
 - This is your last chance to vote. Make sure your voice is heard before the ballot closes.
- **Scrutiny:** 12 p.m. Friday, 11 September, 2026 (TUSA Office, Sandy Bay)
 - Candidates can request a scrutineer observe counting of electronic ballots.
- **Election Results Announcement:** 5 p.m. Friday, 11 September, 2026 (Grounded Cafe, Hobart; Online access available)
 - The results of the election will be announced. Join us at Grounded Café in Hobart to hear who your new student representatives will be!

Voting Process

Voting in the TUSA Student Council Elections is straightforward and designed to be as accessible as possible for all students. Here's how the process works:

1. Online Voting

- **How It Works:** Voting is conducted online to ensure that all students can participate, regardless of their location. On the first day of voting, you will receive an email from UTAS containing a unique link to the online voting platform.
 - Please note that you will only receive an email with a unique voting link if you are eligible to vote as outlined in the TUSA Elections Policy and Procedure.
- **Accessing the Ballot:** Click the link in the email to access your personalised ballot. The ballot will display the names of all candidates running for various positions, arranged in a random order each time you access it.



- **Casting Your Vote:** You can vote for candidates in the order of your preference. For each position, you'll be asked to rank the candidates you support. Once you've made your selections, review your choices, and click "Submit" to finalise your vote.
- **Security:** Your vote is confidential, and the system is designed to prevent tampering or multiple voting. Once submitted, your vote is securely recorded and cannot be changed.

2. What to Expect during the Voting Period

- **Email Notification:** Expect to receive the voting link in your UTAS email inbox on the afternoon of Friday, 4 September, 2026, when voting officially opens.
- **Voting Window:** You will have until midnight Thursday, 10 September, 2026, to cast your vote. The voting platform is accessible 24/7 during this period, so you can vote at your convenience.
- **Technical Support:** If you experience any issues accessing the voting platform or submitting your vote, technical support will be available throughout the voting period. Contact information for support will be included in the voting email.

3. Election Results

- **Announcement:** The results will be announced at 5 p.m. on Friday, 11 September, 2026, at Grounded Café, Hobart, and streamed online. If you can't attend in person, the results will also be posted on the TUSA website and shared via email.
- **Scrutiny:** The scrutiny of votes will take place at 12 p.m. on Friday, 11 September, 2026, at the TUSA Office in Sandy Bay. Candidates can request a scrutineer observe counting of electronic ballots.

Voting is your chance to have a say in who represents you at UTAS. Make sure to participate, encourage your peers to participate and help shape the future of your student community.

Code of Conduct

As a candidate in the TUSA Student Council Elections and, if elected, as an elected student representative, you are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour and ethics. The following code of conduct outlines the expectations for all participants during the



election process and throughout your term in office. Alongside this, please refer to the campaigning rules outlined in the Campaign Guidelines above.

1. Integrity and Honesty

- **Truthfulness:** Always provide accurate and truthful information in your campaign materials, speeches, and interactions with students and staff. Misrepresentation of facts or misleading statements will not be tolerated.
- **Transparency:** Be open about your intentions, plans, and qualifications. If any conflicts of interest arise, disclose them promptly.

2. Respect for Others

- **Dignity and Respect:** Treat all candidates, students, staff, and university officials with respect and courtesy. Avoid personal attacks, harassment, or any behaviour that could be seen as bullying or intimidation.
- **Diversity and Inclusion:** Show respect for the diverse backgrounds, opinions, and identities of all members of the UTAS community. Promote an inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and heard.

3. Fair Play

- **Campaign Ethics:** Follow all campaign guidelines and avoid any unethical practices, such as bribery, vote-buying, or the use of university resources for personal gain. Ensure that your campaign team also adheres to these standards.
- **Equality:** Ensure a level playing field by avoiding any actions that could unfairly disadvantage other candidates.

4. Confidentiality

- **Student Information:** If you have access to any sensitive or personal information about students or staff, treat this information with the utmost confidentiality. Do not use it for campaign purposes or share it without permission.
- **Council Matters:** As an elected student representative, you may be privy to confidential discussions and documents. It is your responsibility to keep this information secure and only share it with authorised individuals.



5. Accountability

- **Responsibility for Actions:** You are accountable for your actions and those of your campaign team. If any rules are breached, you must take responsibility and cooperate with any investigations by the Returning Officer and/or the TUSA Elections Tribunal.
- **Reporting Misconduct:** If you witness any breaches of the code of conduct by other candidates or representatives, it is your duty to report them promptly to the Returning Officer.

6. Professionalism

- **In Office:** If elected, conduct yourself professionally at all times. This includes attending meetings, fulfilling your duties, and representing the student body with integrity.
- **Public Image:** As a representative of the student body, your actions and words reflect on TUSA and UTAS. Maintain a positive and professional public image, both online and offline.

7. Consequences for Breach

- **Disciplinary Action:** Breaches of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including disqualification from the election, removal from office, or other sanctions as deemed appropriate by the TUSA Elections Tribunal or relevant council.
- **Appeals:** If you believe a decision made against you is unfair, you have the right to appeal through the appropriate channels as outlined in the TUSA Election Policy and Procedure.

By adhering to this code of conduct, you contribute to a fair, respectful, and ethical election process and ensure that TUSA continues to serve the best interests of all UTAS students.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, need assistance, or require further information about the TUSA Student Council Elections, please reach out to us through the following channels:



- **Email:**
 - For general inquiries and election-related questions:
elections@tusa.utas.edu.au
- **Phone:**
 - TUSA Office: **(03) 6226 2857**
 - Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **In-Person at TUSA Offices**
 - **Hobart:** Social Sciences Building, Level 1, Dobson Road, Sandy Bay Campus
 - **Launceston:** Station Cottage, Inveresk Campus
 - **Burnie:** Room 135, Floor 1, Field Building, West Park Campus
 - **Rozelle:** Reception, Building 101, Rozelle Campus (Wednesdays and Thursday)
- **Website:**
 - Visit our elections page for more information and resources:
www.tusa.org.au/elections
- **Social Media:**
 - Follow us on social media for the latest updates and news:
 - **Facebook:** facebook.com/tusa.org.au
 - **Instagram:** instagram.com/tusa.org.au

If you have specific questions about the roles or need help with the nomination process, don't hesitate to contact us. We're here to support you every step of the way!

Additional Resources

TUSA Governance Documents

- [TUSA Code of Conduct](#)
- [TUSA Constitution](#)
- [TUSA Election Policy](#)
- [TUSA Election Procedure](#)

TUSA Annual Reports

- [2025 TUSA Annual Report](#)
- [2024 TUSA Annual Report](#)

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