

NOTICES OF ELECTION 2026

NOTICE OF BALLOT – SENATE STUDENT FELLOWS

The Returning Officer gives notice that an election is necessary for two student Fellows of the Senate of the University of Sydney, to be conducted under the *University of Sydney Act 1989* and Chapter 4 of the *University of Sydney By-law 1999*. If more valid nominations are received than positions available an electronic ballot will be conducted from 9am AEDT on Monday 12 October 2026 to 4pm AEDT on Monday 2 November 2026.

Positions	One (1) undergraduate student Fellow of Senate; and One (1) postgraduate student Fellow of Senate.
Term of office	1 December 2026 to 30 November 2028.

TIMETABLE

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations:	Monday 24 August 2026, from 9am AEST
Nominations Close:	Monday 14 September 2026, 12pm (noon) AEST
Electronic Ballot Opens:	Monday 12 October 2026, 9am AEDT
Electronic Ballot Close:	Monday 2 November 2026, 4pm AEDT
Declaration of Results ¹ :	Monday 2 November 2026, 4:30pm AEDT

1. NOMINATION PROCEDURES FOR SENATE ELECTIONS

- Each nomination must be forwarded on the nomination form to reach the Chief Governance Officer and Returning officer via email to secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au no later than 12pm (noon) AEST Monday 14 September 2026.
- Each nomination form must be signed by at least two qualified voters from the same category and must be signed by the person nominated signifying their consent to the nomination.
- The nominee must also sign the nomination form as an acknowledgement that they have read sections 26F and 26G of, and Schedule 2A to, the *University of Sydney Act 1989* regarding the duties of Fellows of Senate, and understands the effect of those provisions (**Appendix A**).
- The nominee must provide a signed Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) Fit and Proper Person Declaration (**Appendix B**) and provide consent for their contact information to be used for the purpose of conducting relevant probity checks.
- The nominee must provide a signed National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Declaration (**Appendix C**).²
- There must be a separate nomination form for each nominee and no qualified voter may nominate themselves or more than one nominee for election.
- If a qualified voter nominates more than one person in any election, the Returning Officer will treat the first signed nomination form received as the valid nomination.
- Nomination forms are available from the Chief Governance Officer and Returning Officer via secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au.

¹ Subject to any determinations made by the Returning Officer under s16(2) of the *University of Sydney By-law 1999 (NSW)*.

² Pursuant to Part 4 of the [Sexual Harm and Gender-based Violence Prevention and Response Policy 2026](#), the Returning Officer will consider any risks arising from any declaration to determine a person's suitability for nomination and appointment.

Note: A *Privacy Collection Notice* is provided at [Annexure A](#) to this combined Notice of Election.

9. Following the close of nominations and before any ballot is conducted, nominee(s) must meet with the Chief Governance Officer and Returning Officer to confirm and establish their status as a candidate pursuant to s16(2) of the *By-law*. Candidates are obligated to the *Election of Undergraduate or Postgraduate Student Fellow of Senate Guidelines* for the conduct of the election and associated campaigning period.

2. PERSONS QUALIFIED TO STAND FOR ELECTION, TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AND TO VOTE IN THESE ELECTIONS

1. A person is eligible to stand for election, to nominate a nominee for election and to vote in the election, if at the time for close of nominations specified in this notice of ballot (12pm (noon) AEST on Monday 14 September 2026):
 - a. the person's name appears on the relevant Roll (see points 3 and 4 below); and
 - b. the person's name does not appear on the Roll of Academic or Non-Academic Staff.

3. ROLL OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

10. The Roll of Undergraduate Students contains the names and addresses of persons enrolled in an undergraduate award course of the University at the time for close of nominations specified in this notice of ballot (12pm (noon) AEST on Monday 14 September 2026).
11. A person is not entitled to have their name entered on the Roll of Undergraduate Students unless the person has completed, to the satisfaction of the University, all requirements for enrolment or re-enrolment in the award course concerned.

4. ROLL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

1. The Roll of Postgraduate Students contains the names and addresses of persons enrolled in a postgraduate award course of the University at the time for close of nominations specified in this notice of ballot (12pm (noon) AEST on Monday 14 September 2026).
2. A person is not entitled to have their name entered on the Roll of Postgraduate Students unless the person has completed, to the satisfaction of the University, all requirements for enrolment or re-enrolment in the award course concerned.

5. INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEES

1. In addition to the requirements set out at 1.1-1.5 (above), each nominee must provide, at the time of nomination, a:
 - a. completed nomination form;
 - b. 100-word Information Statement (attached to the nomination form); and
 - c. photo of the nominee.
2. The 100-word statement will also be available on the separate [Student Elections website](#).
3. The Returning Officer may edit the information that will appear on the voting and Student Elections websites.

6. METHOD OF ELECTION

1. These elections are conducted in accordance with the [University of Sydney Act 1989](#) (as amended) and the [University of Sydney By-law 1999](#) (as amended).
2. In the event that only one valid nomination is received for either election, the nominee will be declared elected.
3. In the event of there being more than one valid nominee nominated, an election will be held by electronic ballot.
4. For elections procedures, please refer to the [University of Sydney By-law 1999](#), Chapter 4.

NOTICE OF BALLOT – ACADEMIC BOARD STUDENTS

The Returning Officer gives notice that an election is necessary for Student members of the Academic Board, to be conducted under the *University of Sydney (Academic Board) Rule 2017* and the *Elections Policy 2022*. If more valid nominations are received than positions available an electronic ballot will be conducted from 9am AEDT on Monday 12 October 2026 to 4pm AEDT on Monday 2 November 2026.

Faculty/University School	Allocations
Term of office	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027.
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	4 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate • 2 unallocated
University of Sydney Business School	2 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate
Faculty of Engineering	2 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate
Faculty of Medicine and Health	4 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate • 2 unallocated
Faculty of Science	4 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate • 2 unallocated
Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning	2 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	2 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate
Sydney Law School	2 positions: • 1 undergraduate • 1 postgraduate

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Nominations for election are invited from qualified candidates. It is the responsibility of candidates and nominators to ensure that the nomination procedures are followed.

The election will be conducted in accordance with the [Elections Policy 2022](#). The nomination form can be filled out [HERE](#) and accessed from the [Student Elections website](#). Nominees must submit their electronic nomination to the Chief Governance Officer and Returning Officer, by 12:00 noon AEST Monday 14 September 2026.

NOTICE OF BALLOT – GOVERNANCE OF FACULTIES AND UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS (GOFUS) STUDENTS

The Returning Officer gives notice that an election is necessary for Faculties, University Schools, Faculty Boards and University School Boards, conducted under the *University of Sydney (Governance of Faculties and University Schools) Rule 2016* and the *Elections Policy 2022*. If more valid nominations are received than positions available an electronic ballot will be conducted from 9am AEDT on Monday 12 October 2026 to 4pm AEDT on Monday 2 November 2026.

Faculty/University School Board	Allocations
Term of office	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027.
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	8 positions: • 4 Undergraduate • 2 Postgraduate Coursework • 2 Higher Degree by Research
University of Sydney Business School	6 positions: • 2 Undergraduate • 2 Postgraduate Coursework • 2 Higher Degree by Research
Faculty of Engineering	5 positions: • 3 Undergraduate • 1 Postgraduate Coursework • 1 Higher Degree by Research
Faculty of Medicine and Health	4 positions: • 1 Undergraduate • 1 Postgraduate Coursework • 2 Higher Degree by Research
Faculty of Science	10 positions: • 5 Undergraduate • 2 Postgraduate Coursework • 3 Higher Degree by Research
Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning	4 positions: • 2 Undergraduate • 1 Postgraduate Coursework • 1 Higher Degree by Research
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	4 positions: • 2 Undergraduate • 1 Postgraduate Coursework • 1 Higher Degree by Research
Sydney Law School	4 positions: • 1 Undergraduate • 2 Postgraduate Coursework • 1 Higher Degree by Research

Faculty/University School	Allocations
Term of office	1 January 2027 to 31 December 2027.
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences	10 positions: • 4 Undergraduate • 3 Postgraduate Coursework • 3 Higher Degree by Research
University of Sydney Business School	12 positions: • 4 Undergraduate • 4 Postgraduate Coursework • 4 Higher Degree by Research
Faculty of Engineering	10 positions: • 6 Undergraduate • 2 Postgraduate Coursework • 2 Higher Degree by Research
Faculty of Medicine and Health	10 positions: • 4 Undergraduate • 3 Postgraduate Coursework • 3 Higher Degree by Research
Faculty of Science	10 positions: • 5 Undergraduate • 2 Postgraduate Coursework • 3 Higher Degree by Research
Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning	4 positions: • 2 Undergraduate • 1 Postgraduate Coursework • 1 Higher Degree by Research
Sydney Conservatorium of Music	4 positions: • 2 Undergraduate • 1 Postgraduate Coursework • 1 Higher Degree by Research
Sydney Law School	4 positions: • 1 Undergraduate • 2 Postgraduate Coursework • 1 Higher Degree by Research

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The election will be conducted in accordance with the [Elections Policy 2022](#). The nomination form can be filled out [HERE](#) and accessed from the [Student Elections website](#). Nominees must submit their electronic nomination to the Chief Governance Officer and Returning Officer, by 12:00 noon AEST Monday 14 September 2026.

NOMINATION FORM: https://sydney.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8exCtfh3h0JWY86

Authorised by

Michelle Stanhope
Chief Governance Officer and Returning Officer
24 August 2026

ANNEXURE A

Privacy Collection Notice: Election of Student Fellows of Senate 2026

WHO COLLECTS YOUR INFORMATION, AND UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY

The University of Sydney collects personal information from students who nominate a candidate, are nominated as a candidate, act as a scrutineer, or vote in the election of Student Fellows of Senate. The election is conducted by the Chief Governance Officer as Returning Officer under the *University of Sydney Act 1989* and Chapter 4 of the *University of Sydney By-law 1999*. We handle your personal information in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)* and the Information Protection Principles it sets out, the *University of Sydney Privacy Policy*, the *University of Sydney Privacy Procedures*, and the *University of Sydney Recordkeeping Policy*.

WHAT INFORMATION WE COLLECT

Depending on your role in the election, we collect:

- your name, student identification number, degree, faculty and current enrolment details;
- your contact details, including student email address, postal address and contact telephone number;
- enrolment and eligibility information drawn from the Roll of Undergraduate Students or the Roll of Postgraduate Students, and confirmation that your name does not appear on the Roll of Academic or Non-Academic Staff;
- information about your academic qualifications, honours and distinctions, employment experience and location of studies, and anything else you choose to tell us in support of your nomination;
- your 100-word candidate information statement and your photograph;
- the names, student identification numbers, email addresses, faculties of registration and signatures of your two nominators, and the name, student email address and position of any scrutineer you appoint;
- the information in your TEQSA Fit and Proper Person Declaration (Appendix B), including the address at which you ordinarily reside and your answers about convictions, pecuniary penalties, current court or tribunal proceedings, bankruptcy and insolvency, debts to the Commonwealth, disqualification from managing corporations, provision of false or misleading information, and professional or academic misconduct;
- the information in your National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-based Violence Declaration (Appendix C), including whether you have been investigated for, or found to have engaged in, conduct constituting sexual harm or gender-based violence;
- any supporting documentation, correspondence or further detail you provide during the nomination, probity or candidacy confirmation process.

Giving us this information is voluntary. However, a nomination cannot be accepted as valid unless the nomination form, both declarations, the information statement and the photograph are complete.

WHY WE COLLECT YOUR INFORMATION

We collect and use your information to:

- determine who is qualified to stand for election, to nominate a candidate and to vote;
- administer the election of Student Fellows of Senate;
- verify candidate eligibility, qualifications and consent to nomination;
- conduct probity and suitability assessments, including the checks and enquiries arising from the Fit and Proper Person and Gender-based Violence declarations;
- comply with legislative, regulatory and University governance requirements;
- prepare the electoral rolls and manage and conduct the electronic ballot;
- publish candidate names, information statements and photographs on the voting and Student Elections websites;
- declare and record the results of the election;
- maintain the University's governance records, including records of appointment to, and membership of, Senate.

WHO YOUR INFORMATION IS DISCLOSED TO

Your information may be accessed by, or disclosed to:

- the Chief Governance Officer and Returning Officer;
- staff of the University Governance Office who administer the election;
- other authorised University officers, including Human Resources staff who assess declarations made under the National Higher Education Code;
- external probity providers engaged by the University, currently MVSI (Managed Verification Services International), which uses your name, email address and telephone number to conduct ASIC Banned and Disqualified Register, ASIC Enforceable Undertakings Register, AFSA Insolvency and National Police Check searches;
- the election software provider engaged to host and administer the electronic ballot;
- regulatory and government bodies, including the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency, where disclosure is required or authorised by law.

Information provided to the election software provider is limited to candidate name, statement, photograph and for the facilitation of the election, student email addresses which are not publicly disclosed or transmitted.

Access is restricted on a need-to-know basis. Your name, candidate information statement and photograph will be seen by voters and published on the Student Elections website, and the Returning Officer may edit that material before publication. The content of your declarations and the results of any probity check are not published and are handled confidentially.

HOW YOUR INFORMATION IS STORED AND PROTECTED

Election records are stored in the University's approved records management system (TRIM) and in University-managed systems used to conduct the ballot. Access is restricted to authorised personnel, and the information is managed in accordance with the University's privacy, information security and recordkeeping requirements.

HOW LONG WE KEEP YOUR INFORMATION

Unsuccessful candidates

Under GA47: 4.2.1 (records relating to the conduct of elections for membership of governing or student bodies), nominations, electoral rolls, ballot records and related election administration records relating to unsuccessful candidates are retained for a minimum of one year after the election is completed and are then securely destroyed, unless they are still required for legal, governance or administrative purposes.

Successful candidates

Under GA28: 9.11.1 (records relating to the nomination, appointment, reappointment, resignation or termination of members of governing bodies), records relating to successful candidates, including nomination and appointment records, are required as State archives and are retained permanently.

ACCESSING YOUR INFORMATION, CORRECTIONS AND COMPLAINTS

You may ask to see the personal information the University holds about you, and to have it corrected if it is inaccurate, incomplete or out of date, by making an application under the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (NSW)*. Applications for access and amendment are assessed by the Chief Governance Officer.

If you believe your privacy has been breached, you can complain to the University's Privacy Officer at privacy.enquiries@sydney.edu.au. Privacy officers assess information requests, privacy complaints and reports of breaches of the Information Protection Principles. You may also apply for an internal review under the Act and, if you remain dissatisfied, seek external review by the Information and Privacy Commission NSW or the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

More information about how the University handles personal information is set out in the *University of Sydney Privacy Policy* and the *University of Sydney Privacy Procedures*, available on the University's policy register and privacy webpages.

Questions about this election can be sent to secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au.
