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## LEADERSHIP RACE DATES 2018-2019

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Leadership Races are your Students' Union elections where you elect your student leaders whether they are leading the Students' Union, your club/society or your student cohort. These elections run at appropriate times throughout the year so that you can democratically decide who your leaders will be. Your leaders could be you or another Aston student.

This document provides times of leadership races throughout the 2018-19 academic year along with the following information:

- **Positions:** which roles will be elected in the relevant election
- **Nominations:** the time in which you can put yourself forward for a role
- **Candidate training:** dates in which you can expect training to take place if you are running in the election
- **Manifesto deadline:** each candidate is able to put a statement out online detailing why you should vote for them. This is the deadline that these will need to be submitted
- **Name release:** is when all students will find out who is running to be one of your leaders
- **Voting:** dates and time that you will be able to vote for who you want your leader to be
- **Results:** when you can expect to find out who your leaders are

All this information can also be found on a downloadable outlook calendar ([click here](#)).

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The Student Voice team support elections across the Students' Union and directly administer all Students' Union and Student Representative elections.

Contact the team if you have any questions about any election run by the Students' Union.



The Student Activities team administer and support elections for club/society committees and Student Activities Executive roles.

Contact the team if you have any questions about a Student Activities election.

### More Information

All election information, guidance and resources can be found on the Leadership Race page ([www.astonsu.com/voice/elections/](http://www.astonsu.com/voice/elections/)).

# Students' Union

These elections are administered by the Student Voice department and supported across the entire Students' Union.

Find out more information about the roles and election process by visiting: [www.astonsu.com/voice/elections/](http://www.astonsu.com/voice/elections/).

## How will results be announced for these elections?

All candidates will be informed of the results directly from the Student Voice department via email. These results will also be published online through the SU Website and a results event.

## Leadership Race (Autumn)

This election is used to elect any vacant officer roles as well as your NUS Delegates that represent the entire Students' Union at NUS National Conference.

- Positions being elected:** Postgraduate Students' Officer, International Students' Officer, NUS Delegates
- Nominations Period:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October (10:00) – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October (23:59)
- Candidate Training:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October
- Manifesto Deadline:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October (09:00)
- Name Release:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October (12:00)
- Voting Period:** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October (12:00) – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November (12:00)
- Results:** Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November

## Leadership Race (Spring)

This is the Students' Unions biggest election of the year where you will elect your student leaders for the next academic year. These positions will be your full-time and part-time officers that will lead your Students' Union.

- Positions being elected:** All Students' Union Officer positions – **Note:** these are being reviewed this academic year and so we cannot confirm these positions until the Annual General Meeting in December.
- Recommend a Friend:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January
- Nominations Period:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February (09:00)
- Candidate Training:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March
- Manifesto Deadline:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February (12:00)
- Name Release:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March (12:00)
- Voting Period:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (10:00) – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (16:00)
- Results:** To Be Confirmed

## Student Representatives

These elections are directly administered and supported by the Student Voice department.

Find out more information about the roles of Student Reps and how to become a Student Rep by visiting: [www.astonsu.com/voice/representation/becomearep/](http://www.astonsu.com/voice/representation/becomearep/).

### Student Rep (Autumn)

This Leadership Race will elect your Student Representatives for the 2018-19 Academic Year.

**Positions being elected:** Undergraduate: All First Year Student Rep positions and any vacant non-first year Student Rep positions  
Postgraduate Taught: All Student Rep positions  
Postgraduate Research: All vacant Student Rep positions

**Nominations Period:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September (10:00) – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October (23:59)

**Manifesto Deadline:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October (10:00)

**Name Release:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October (11:00)

**Voting Period:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October (12:00) – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October (23:59)

**Results:** During Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October

#### How will results be announced?

Candidates will be informed directly whether they have been successfully elected or not from an email from the Student Voice department. Successfully elected Student Reps will appear on the relevant 'My Representation' page for the cohort they represent in August for the following academic year.

### Student Rep (Spring)

This Leadership Race will elect your Student Representatives for the 2019-20 Academic Year.

**Positions being elected:** Undergraduate: All Non-First Year Student Rep Positions  
Postgraduate Taught: To Be Confirmed  
Postgraduate Research: To Be Confirmed

**Nominations Period:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March (10:00) – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (23:59)

**Manifesto Deadline:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April (10:00)

**Name Release:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April (11:00)

**Voting Period:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April (12:00) – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April (23:59)

**Results:** During Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> April

#### How will results be announced?

Candidates will be informed directly whether they have been successfully elected or not from an email from the Student Voice department. Successfully elected Student Reps will appear on the relevant 'My Representation' page for the cohort they represent in August for the following academic year.

## Student Activities

These elections are directly administered and supported by the Student Activities department. However Student Voice provide administrative support and advice where necessary.

Find out more information about the roles and how to be a committee member by visiting: [www.astonsu.com/voice/elections/](http://www.astonsu.com/voice/elections/).

Election Schedule for any Student Activities Elections are yet to be confirmed.

**Note:** most club/society committee elections are run during the spring.