

CitySA Election Information Pack March 2021



What are the SA Elections?

Your Students' Association is here for all students at the College and so each year we hold elections for the positions of Student President (full time, paid position) and Vice Presidents (part time, paid positions) to represent your views.

Being elected to the Students' Association is a fantastic opportunity and gives students the power and resources necessary to undertake exciting projects which improve College experience for thousands of students. The impact you can make ranges from enhancing learning and teaching to providing clubs, events and activities for students to enjoy.

This pack provides a summary of the four roles available, what benefits the elections bring and how to nominate yourself as a candidate. For a full breakdown of election dates, rules and eligibility criteria you can visit our website at citysa.co.uk/representation/elections/

If you have any questions you can call us on 0141 375 5322 or e-mail citysa@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk.

Why its important?

CitySA acts as the recognised representative channel between students and the College.

With almost 30,000 students here at the College, to represent all of them effectively we need to elect student officers to speak on their behalf.

The only way to ensure that this truly representative is for students to vote on what matters to them and select the right people to get the job done.

Why run?

You get to make a difference to students lives, working with the College to improve the student experience and make change happen.

There are of course personal benefits to being an elected officer including a paid salary, training opportunities and support with career progressions.

Finally, working in the SA is loads of fun!





Questions?

Can anyone run for these positions?

Only current students at City of Glasgow College (excluding evening/weekend leisure courses) can stand for election. To check the full eligibility criteria of each role, <u>click here.</u>

I've never ran in an election before how does it work?

It's quite simple; interested students nominate themselves for the roles to become candidates, candidates run campaigns encouraging students to vote for them and students vote for who they think would be best for the job.

There are of course more rules than this which we will go over with all candidates.

I don't have any previous work experience, can I still run?

Being an election, there isn't a set of criteria you have to prove you have. However, you do need to demonstrate why students should vote for you. Work experience might be one reason, but passion to help others and ideas for change are also important.

Do I need to give up my course/university place to run?

No, our Vice President positions are part time and hours are flexible to fit around your course work. For the full time President position you can discuss your deferral options with your course lead.

For more FAQs go to our website!



Student President 35 hours a week - £22,034

- Lead the Student Parliament and help each officer to realise the objectives of their manifesto.
- Actively participate in the Board of Management and represent student views at College committees.
- Work with Class, Faculty Reps and College Staff to improve the student learning experience.
- Develop enrichment activities and events for students.

Vice President Learning & Teaching 14 hours a week - £19,782 pro rata

- Help the Students' Association enhance the student experience with specific focus on learning and teaching and student feedback structures.
- Promote the Class and Faculty Rep system and act on student feedback.
- Support the Student President in leading the Students' Association.





Vice President Social & Activities 14 hours a week - £19,782 pro rata

- Work alongside students and SA staff to enhance students' experiences with specific focus on clubs, societies, sports and events.
- Develop a calendar of events and activities including Fresher's Week.
- Support the Student President in leading the Students' Association.

Vice President Diversity & Wellbeing 14 hours a week - £19,782 pro rata

- Develop SA liberation work (campaigns supporting the rights of women, ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ people and disabled people), including liberation months and societies.
- Work with students and staff to promote positive mental health and a positive lifestyle.
- Support the Student President in leading the Students' Association.



Interested?

Starting the nomination process is easy, just follow these steps:

- Decide which role you would like to stand for and check you are eligible to run (see our roles page).
- Write a manifesto about why you should be elected and what you would do for students (click here for guide).
- Go to www.citysa.co.uk to complete an online application form and submit your manifesto.

The deadline for submission of all nominations of Friday 5th March at 1pm.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process or the election in general please contact the SA Coordinator sinead.mckenna@cityofglasgowcollege.ac.uk

