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Election Quick Guide

International Student Quick Guide

Your Elections Quick Guide: For International Students

The Guild's annual Student Officer Elections are coming up! Here is your quick 60 second guide on everything you need to know:

What's the Guild?

The Guild is your Students' Union (SU) - a democratically-led organisation for all our student members.

What's a Student Officer?

Our 4 Student Officers are **elected by the student body** every year to lead the Guild (this means there's no job interview!) They represent the Student Voice on campus, advocating for students and campaigning on issues that matter to you

Is this a real job?

Yes – being a Student Officer is a full-time, paid role! If you're elected, you'll work full-time with us for 1 year, starting **15th June 2026**. This means, you would take a year out of your studies if you're not graduating this year.

What does that mean for my VISA?

You may be able to undertake the full-time role whilst on your Student Route visa by taking a break from your studies. Alternatively, if you are due to complete your course soon you may be able to get further Student Route visa sponsorship from the University in order to undertake the role full-time after you graduate. If you are considering running, we would recommend that you discuss your individual circumstances with the International Advice & Guidance Team or come along to our International Student Information Session, as visa capabilities can often be on a case-by-case basis.

Why should I run?

Shape the role to fit your goals, make **real change**, meet + learn from a diverse range of people & **develop skills** to help you in any career.

How can I learn more?

Have a look at our website to read all our **FAQs**, hear from our **Past Officers** on why you should run + see the full **job pack** for all the technical details. You can also come along to our **International Students' Info Session**, to get any questions, on the role or your VISA, answered.

How do I apply?

Just submit your name + a manifesto, from 9am on 26.01.26 until 10am on 16.02.26 on our website.