QUT GUILD

Elections Notice

2025 QUT Guild Annual Elections

By nominating for election to the QUT Guild, you are joining a proud legacy of student advocacy at the QUT that dates back to 1966. For nearly 60 years, the QUT Guild's Student Representative Council (SRC) has been the official voice of students, standing up for student rights, leading impactful campaigns, and working to build a more inclusive and supportive university experience.

Serving on the SRC is a unique opportunity to grow as a leader and changemaker. It's a hands-on learning experience where you'll represent your peers, advocate for real change, and help shape the future of student life at the QUT.

This is your chance to contribute to a vibrant tradition of student leadership - driven by purpose, passion, and a commitment to making the QUT a better place for all students.

Positions

Nominations are called for (the number of positions available is indicated in brackets):

- President (1)
- Vice President (Secretary) (1)
- Vice President (Treasurer) (1)
- Education Officer (1)
- Welfare Officer (1)
- Engagement Officer (1)
- Clubs and Societies Officer (1)
- Environment Officer (1)
- Women's Officer (1)*
- Queer Officer (1)*
- First Nations Officer (1)*
- International Students Officer (1)*
- Postgraduate Students Officer (1)*
- Disability Officer (1)*
- Media Editor(s) (1 role shared by up to 5)
- Business and Law Councillor (2)
- Creative Industries, Education and Social Justice Councillor (2)
- Engineering Councillor (2)
- Health Councillor (2)
- Science Councillor (2)
- Board Member (2)
- National Union of Students (NUS) Annual Conference delegate (7)

Eligibility

Each nominee is responsible for ensuring they are eligible for election and that their nomination complies with the QUT Guild's Constitution (C), Regulations (R), and Election Regulations (ER), which are available at https://qutguild.com/about/governance/.

Only a currently enrolled QUT student may nominate for election.

All positions marked above with an asterisk (*) have specific eligiblity requirements (R 55, ER 6):

- Only female students may nominate for Women's Officer.
- Only queer students may nominate for Queer Officer.
- Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students may nominate for First Nations Officer.
- Only international students may nominate for International Students Officer.
- Only postgraduate students may nominate for Postgraduate Students Officer.
- Only students living with a disability, chronic health condition, mental health condition or injury may nominate for Disability Officer.

If a student is enrolled in a dual degree with each degree administered by two different faculties, they may nominate for the position of Councillor in either faculty.

A student may only nominate for one (1) position and, should they so choose, may also nominate as a delegate to the National Union of Students (NUS) Annual Conference.

A student may nominate for Media Editor individually or jointly with up to four other students (for a maximum of five students sharing the role).

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Term of Office

If elected to a position, your term will commence on 1 December this year and continue for one year (two years for Board Member).

To remain in the position, you must be a student currently enrolled at the QUT throughout your term of office. For undergraduate and most postgraduate students, this means enrolling (when enrolment opens) and remaining enrolled in at least one unit of study in each of Semester 1 and Semester 2 during your term of office.

Before nominating, consider whether you will still be a student for the entire term of office, because if you stop being a student before your term ends, you will lose any position you are elected to.

Mandatory Candidates' Briefings

All candidates are **required** to virtually attend one of two scheduled Candidates' Briefings:

- Monday 15 September 2025, 4:00 pm, or
- Tuesday 16 September 2025, 6:00 pm.

Candidate briefings provide information about campaigning rules and expectations. You will also be provided with information regarding what happens if you are elected, including induction and what to expect in your first three months in office. A Microsoft Teams calendar invite will be sent to all candidates prior to the briefings.

Optional Strategy Briefing – candidates for President, Secretary and Treasurer

Candidates for President, Vice President (Secretary) and Vice President (Treasurer) are invited to attend an optional strategy briefing with the Guild General Manager:

- Wednesday 17 September 2025, 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, Level 2, C Block, Kelvin Grove

Nominating

Nominations **must** be made on the *Nomination Form* available at https://qutguild.com/elections/. The completed *Nomination Form* **must** be accompanied by a *Proof of Enrolment Letter* issued by the QUT dated on or after 16 August 2025.

To nominate, a completed *Nomination Form* and *Proof of Enrolment Letter* must be submitted by email to elections@qutguild.com. All complete **nominations must be received by the Returning Officer no later than 1:00 pm, Friday 5 September 2025**. Late nominations will not be accepted.

An Electoral Group may be registered by two or more nominees (excluding Board Member) by completing an *Electoral Group Registration Form* available at https://qutguild.com/elections/**.** Electoral Groups should submit all *Nomination Forms* and *Proof of Enrolment Letters* together.

Voting

Voting will be by electronic ballot from **9:00 am, Tuesday 7 October 2025 to 4:30 pm, Friday 10 October 2025**. Voting will be via a link published on the Guild Elections webpage https://qutguild.com/elections/ at 9:00 am, Tuesday 7 October 2025.

As electronic balloting randomises candidate order for each voter, a ballot draw is unnecessary.

Returning Officer
25 August 2025
elections@qutguild.com