



# GENERAL ELECTION 2018

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Eligible students who wish to nominate to stand for election to a position on the ECU Student Guild Senate need to fully understand the obligations and responsibilities they are committing to **before** nominating.

It is **your responsibility** to read the relevant reference documentation available under Elections on the Guild's website: [www.ecuguild.org.au](http://www.ecuguild.org.au) in conjunction with the general information listed below:

### Reference documents:

- University Statute 11 – Student Guild
- University Rules – Student Guild
- Guild Constitution
- Guild Election Procedures
- Code of Conduct
- Guild Department Policies
- Senator Contracts of Engagement
- Senator Duty Statements

### General information for Candidates:

- Being a member of the Senate **is not a voluntary position**, Senators have clear obligations and responsibilities and are required to work a minimum number of hours each week.
- To hold office a Senator must be an enrolled student at all times during their term in office.
- The primary role of every Senator is to represent and further the interests of the Guild's membership made up of Edith Cowan University students.
- All Election related documentation you will need is located under Elections on the Guild's website at [ecuguild.org.au](http://ecuguild.org.au).
- Nominations for the 2018 General Election open at 8:00 AM on Wednesday 3 October 2018.
- Your nomination must be submitted by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Wednesday 24 October 2018.
- Candidates can submit a Candidate Statement and passport style photograph in support of their nomination; these must be submitted by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Wednesday 24 October 2018.
- Nomination Packs are available from the Guild's website at [www.ecuguild.org.au](http://www.ecuguild.org.au)
- For your nomination to be eligible, all nominated documents in the Guild Nomination Pack **must** be completed and signed **before** you submit.
- If you intend being part of a Group Ticket you need to ensure the Group's nominated Group Agent completes and submits the necessary, Group Registration documentation by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Wednesday 24 October 2018.
- Any proposed campaign material you, or the group you are a member of, wishes to use must be approved by the RO **before** it is distributed; please ensure you **thoroughly read Clause 15 of the Guild Election Procedures** to ensure you understand your obligations in respect to campaign material.
- Candidates and support students will be required to wear RO issued identification at all times when campaigning and only those nominated by the Candidate (or Group) on the Campaign Student Supporter List will be permitted to campaign.
- **Only** ECU students are permitted to campaign / canvas.

- Voting will be conducted electronically between 8:00 AM Monday 29 October 2018 through 4 PM Wednesday 31 October 2018. A voting link will be sent to all students via email.
- Counting of votes will take place at the Guild's Offices on the Joondalup campus, following the close of polling.
- Independent Candidates, and a registered group, can nominate **one** scrutineer to observe the count as long as the scrutineer is nominated on the relevant nomination form and received by the RO no later than 4PM Tuesday 30 October 2018.
- The result of the count will occur at 5:30 PM at the Guild's Offices on the Joondalup Campus on Wednesday 31 October 2018.
- The official Declaration of Poll will take place at the Guild's Offices on Joondalup campus at 1:00 PM on Friday 2 November 2018.
- Appeals regarding the outcome of the Election can be lodged with the Election Tribunal chair during the period 2:00 PM Friday 2 November 2018 and 2:00 PM Friday 9 November 2018.

All enquiries regarding any aspect of the election are to be made to the Returning Officer.

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