



GENERAL ELECTION 2020

NP2_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 in conjunction with the general information listed below:

Reference documents:

- ER1_University Statute 11 – Student Guild
- ER2_University Rules – Student Guild
- ER3_Guild Constitution
- ER4_Guild Election Procedures
- ER5_Code of Conduct
- Guild Department Policies
- Senator Contracts of Engagement
- Senator Duty Statements

General information for Candidates:

- Being a member of the Senate is a **voluntary position** in receipt of a paid honorarium.
- Senators have clear obligations and responsibilities and are required to engage with the Guild for a minimum number of hours each fortnight.
- 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.
- Nominations for the 2020 General Elections open at 8:00 AM on Wednesday 16th September 2020.
- Your nomination must be submitted by the close of nominations at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, 7th October 2020.
- The Student Guild's *Constitution, Schedule 2* requires that the **First Nations Officer** must identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- 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, 7th October 2020.
- Nomination Packs are available from the Guild's website at 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 7th October 2020.
- The Returning Officer (RO) will conduct a draw for positions on the Ballot papers at 11:00 AM on Friday 9th October 2020.
- 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 / canvass.
- Voting will be ONLINE and polling days will be as follows:
 - Tuesday 20th October 2020 - 00:01-24:00
 - Wednesday 21st October 2020 - 00:00-24:00
 - Thursday 22nd October 2020 - 00:00-24:00
- Counting of votes will take place at the Guild's Offices on the Joondalup campus, following the close of polling, at 11:00 AM on Friday 23rd October 2020.
- 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, by email (ro.ecu@bigpond.com) no later than 4:00 PM on Thursday 22nd October 2020.
- The official Declaration of Poll will be published on the Guild's website at www.ecuguild.org.au at 3:00 PM on Friday 23rd October 2020.
- Appeals regarding the outcome of the Election can be lodged with the Election Tribunal chair during the period from 3:00 PM Friday 23rd October until 3:00 PM Friday 30th October 2020.

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

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RETURNING OFFICER

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