

# THE ROLE OF NUS REPRESENTATIVES



Voluntary position with NUS (National Union of Students)

## Overview

An elected delegate to the National Conference of the NUS, will enable that person to represent their campus in the formulation of our policies for the coming year 2026. The formulation of NUS policy is an essential function in developing our union's direction and priorities. Delegates also elect the incoming National Office Bearers and National Executive, who are tasked with advocating for the policies determined by the delegates of conference. National Office Bearers lead national conversations about the issues affecting Australia students.

Past and present National Office Bearers have successfully advocated for a reduction in HECs, reforms to student union funding (such as the recent 40% minimum for student-led organisations), expanded COVID-19 payments, the failure of university fee deregulation and much more.

Without campus delegates to steer the national conversation on the matters affecting Australian campuses, the NUS could not claim to effectively advocate for students directly to universities and the Australian Government.

The National Conference of the NUS is the largest annual gathering of student representatives in the country. Delegates will also be afforded the opportunity to meet and learn from campus leaders from every State in Australia.

## Further information

For further information about the NUS and representative positions can be obtained from :

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National Secretary  
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## **Time commitment and expectations**

- Attendance at the annual NUS National Conference (several days).
- Preparation work in the lead-up, including reading policy proposals and consulting ECU students.
- Optional involvement in national campaigns throughout the year.

## **What success looks like**

- ECU students' concerns and perspectives clearly reflected in NUS policy.
- Strong contributions to debates and decisions at National Conference.
- Constructive networks built with other student leaders.
- Visible outcomes—policy changes, advocacy wins, stronger student voice nationally.

## **Support and training you'll receive**

- Guidance from the Guild and current/past NUS delegates.
- Access to NUS briefing materials and policy guides.
- Reimbursement of reasonable travel and accommodation expenses to attend conference.

## **Boundaries and good practice**

- Act in the interests of ECU students when voting and debating.
  - Uphold Guild and NUS constitutions, rules, and policies.
  - Report back to ECU students transparently on your work and decisions.
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