

NOMINATION FORM

ELECTION OF STUDENT DIRECTORS TO THE NEW STUDENT-LED ORGANISATION

The University of Newcastle is to elect five Student Directors (including one Campus Director) to the Board of the **new student-led organisation**. Each Director's term of office will be two years from the date of appointment (declaration of results). For the inaugural election, three two-year terms and two one-year terms will be allocated in accordance with the Election Rules (clause 5.1(e) of the draft Constitution). The Chair and Deputy Chair will be elected by the Directors from among their number following the election (clause 7.5 of the draft Constitution).

Nominations for the positions are now open and will close 11:59pm AEDT, Sunday 8 November 2026.

If required, an electronic ballot will be conducted.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to nominate for election and serve as a Student Director of **the new student-led organisation**, a candidate must:

- (i) be an individual;
- (ii) be at least 18 years old;
- (iii) not be otherwise ineligible or disqualified from holding office under the draft Constitution of the Company or the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth); and
- (iv) be a student at the time of their election and throughout their term of office.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

5 x Student Directors (including 1 x Campus Director)

The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board will be elected by the Directors from among their number following the election (clause 7.5 of the draft Constitution).

WHY NOMINATE

For further information about why you should get involved, visit the Elections webpage.

HOW TO NOMINATE

1. Please ensure you have read the Candidate Information Pack and FAQs.
2. **Nominations must be submitted on the Nomination Form together with a completed Fit and Proper Person Requirements Declaration. You may nominate for more than one position if you meet the eligibility requirements for each position. A separate Nomination Form must be submitted for each position.**
3. You can include a statement (150 words or less) to support your nomination, together with a passport-size photograph. This will be distributed to voters in the event there are more than eligible nominations received than positions available and a ballot is required. The Returning Officer reserves the right to request that a statement be edited if it contains any inappropriate content or is longer than 150 words.
4. Completed nominations should be submitted by email to newSLO@newcastle.edu.au

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11:59PM AEDT ON SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER, 2026**

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I nominate for election to the new student-led organisation and declare that:

- I am eligible to stand for election, being a student enrolled at the University in a in a program leading to an award at the time of the close of nominations;
- I am in good academic standing in accordance with the University's academic progress expectations.
- I am a fit and proper person to hold office and do not have any upheld or outstanding findings of misconduct that would prevent me from satisfying the fit and proper person requirements;
- I acknowledge that I must remain eligible to hold office throughout the term of office and must notify the Returning Officer (during the election period) or the Company Secretary and the Board (once appointed) as soon as practicable if any circumstance arises that may affect my eligibility.
- I am eligible to serve as a director and am not aware of any circumstance that would reasonably be expected to affect my eligibility to hold office during my term of office.
- If nominating as Campus Director, I confirm that I am primarily enrolled at and attend the campus for which I am seeking to serve as Campus Director;
- I consent to act as a director of the Company if elected (clause 4.10 of the draft Constitution);
- I acknowledge that my membership of the Company is tied to my holding office as a Director and will cease when I cease to hold office (clauses 4.8 and 4.10 of the draft Constitution).

Any false declaration may invalidate your candidature and election.

NOMINEE DETAILS

I submit my nomination, and make the declaration above:

FIRST AND PREFERRED NAME		STUDENT NUMBER	
PHONE NUMBER		EMAIL ADDRESS	
PROGRAM OF STUDY	FULL TIME/PART TIME	EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE (DAY/MONTH)	
CAMPUS OF STUDY		MODE OF ATTENDANCE On campus / Online / Mixed.	
POSITION APPLYING FOR			
☐	STUDENT DIRECTOR		
☐	CAMPUS DIRECTOR		
☐	IF CAMPUS DIRECTOR – NOMINATED CAMPUS / STUDENT COHORT		
CANDIDATE STATEMENT ATTACHED Y/N		PHOTO ATTACHED Y/N	

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FIT AND PROPER PERSON DECLARATION

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Personal details

STUDENT NAME	STUDENT NUMBER

Disclosures

Please consider the following questions and respond 'Yes' or 'No' to each. Disclose matters that may be relevant to your suitability for governance responsibilities.

#	Question	Yes	No
1	Have you ever been convicted of an offence (in Australia or overseas), or been subject to a pecuniary penalty under law (excluding spent/annulled convictions)?	☐	☐
2	Are you currently a party to any court, tribunal, or regulatory proceedings?	☐	☐
3	Have you ever been declared bankrupt, insolvent, or entered into any arrangement with creditors (e.g. debt agreements), or do you currently have significant outstanding debts to the Commonwealth or other public authorities?	☐	☐
4	Have you been associated with an education provider that has had registration, accreditation, funding, or approval cancelled, suspended, or subject to conditions or breaches?	☐	☐
5	Have you ever been disqualified from managing corporations or otherwise restricted from governance roles?	☐	☐
6	Have you ever knowingly provided false or misleading information to a regulatory authority, government body, or funding agency?	☐	☐
7	Have you been found to have engaged in professional misconduct, academic misconduct, unethical behaviour, or conduct that could reasonably diminish public confidence in your suitability for governance responsibilities?	☐	☐

If you answered 'yes' to any of the questions, please attach additional information such as the nature of the conduct and your involvement in the matter.

Declaration

I declare that I am a fit and proper person of good character, integrity, and judgement, and that the information provided in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that providing false or misleading information, or failing to disclose relevant information, may result in my nomination being withdrawn, my election being set aside, or other action being taken in accordance with University and organisation policies, and applicable law.

I acknowledge my ongoing obligation to notify the Returning Officer (during the election period) or the Company Secretary and the Board (once appointed) of any changes to the information provided.

SIGNATURE	DATE

This form is a simplified declaration based upon the TEQSA 'Fit and Proper person requirements declaration'. It will be used to confirm nominees are fit and proper persons and for no other purpose.

CANDIDATE GUIDE

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About the new Student-Led Organisation

The new Student-Led Organisation is an independent, student-led company limited by guarantee. Its Directors are responsible for acting in the best interests of the Company in pursuing its objects, which include enhancing the student experience at the University of Newcastle through services, programs and initiatives supported by the Student Services and Amenities Fee (clause 2.5 of the draft Constitution). The Company provides students with opportunities to influence how Student Services and Amenities Fee funding is invested, contribute to decision-making, and help guide services, programs and initiatives that support the student community. Through elected Student Directors, the Board provides governance and strategic leadership, ensuring that the Company's objects and the interests of students are reflected in its decisions and priorities. The Board operates independently of the University (clause 6.2 of the draft Constitution).

Directors of the New Student-Led Organisation

Student Directors play an important role on the Board of the new student-led organisation. As Directors, they are responsible for acting in the best interests of the Company and contribute to decisions about services, programs and initiatives that enhance the student experience.

Student Directors work collaboratively to ensure the organisation remains responsive to student needs and priorities, including areas such as affordability, wellbeing, sport and recreation, careers and future readiness, and student engagement.

This role provides students with a unique opportunity to develop leadership and governance experience, influence how Student Services and Amenities Fee funding is invested and help shape the future of student-led services and support at the University.

Time commitment and expectations

Student Directors are expected to allocate sufficient time to fulfil their responsibilities as members of the Student-Led Organisation Board.

The Board is expected to meet regularly throughout the year to provide strategic oversight of the organisation, make decisions on priorities and initiatives, and ensure the organisation is delivering for students. Meetings may be held in person or online.

Student Directors will receive meeting agendas and supporting papers in advance and are expected to review these materials before meetings to contribute effectively to discussions and decision-making. In addition to attending Board meetings, Student Directors may be asked to participate in induction activities, training, workshops, student engagement opportunities and other governance-related responsibilities.

Benefits of being a Student Director

- Contribute to decisions that shape student services, programs and initiatives across the University.
- Help determine priorities for Student Services and Amenities Fee funded activities.
- Develop leadership, strategic thinking and governance skills.
- Gain practical experience serving on a governing board and working within a not-for-profit organisation.
- Build your professional network by working with student leaders, University representatives and external stakeholders.
- Develop skills in decision-making, communication and organisational leadership.
- Help establish and guide a new student-led organisation that will support future generations of students.
- Enhance your employability through practical governance and leadership experience.

Support and Development

Student Directors will receive onboarding, induction and governance support to help them succeed in their role. Opportunities for professional development, networking and mentoring may also be available throughout their term, helping students build leadership skills and governance experience.

Further Information

If you are considering nominating for a position, please visit the Elections webpage for further information. Questions can be emailed to newSLO@newcastle.edu.au