

Introduction to EDGE HILL STUDENTS' UNION

Students' Unions exist all around the country.

They are there to support students in all matters, academic, recreational and beyond. We campaign on your behalf when things need to be changed, provide essential services such as advice and representation and we encourage everyone to be involved in societies.

Most importantly, Students' Unions are led by a team of student officers who are elected annually. Every year, Edge Hill students vote for the candidates they want to see representing their voices. Our elected team encompasses 3 roles, each representing a different Faculty of the Edge Hill student body (Health, Social Care & Medicine, Arts & Sciences and Education). Your team runs year-round campaigns focused on improving your student experience. They sit on a number of University committees to ensure every decision the University directorate makes has your wants and needs in mind.

Edge Hill Students' Union is a vibrant, diverse, and ambitious organisation, with student voice at the core of all its operations. Our vision is to create the best student experience we can for as many Edge Hill Students as possible.



...is to ensure Edge Hill student voices are heard, valued, and acted upon.

**Think you've got what it takes to make a difference?
We want to hear from YOU.**

Keep reading to find out more about how you could get involved.

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PAID ROLES

If you're looking to kick-start your career, one of our three paid roles could be for you. We have three paid Faculty President roles up for grabs.

Our Presidents make key decisions about the Students' Union and focus on improving the Edge Hill student experience from the perspective of someone who's been through it themselves. They plan fun and exciting events, lead on campaigns, and sit on University panels and boards to make sure student voices are heard.


Anybody can run for the President role aligning to their faculty. Students from any level of undergraduate or postgraduate study are encouraged to stand for election.

FULL TIME ROLES

These roles are full time, fully salaried, fixed-term 12-month contracts.

 **PRESIDENT** (Faculty of Arts & Sciences)

 **PRESIDENT** (Faculty of Education)

 **PRESIDENT** (Faculty of Health, Social Care & Medicine)

ELECTIONS TIMELINE



If you've never seen one of our elections before, check out the timeline below of how it works, including all the key dates you need to keep in mind.

1

NOMINATIONS OPEN

Monday 26 January

Get your nominations in early! Remember: Once your nomination has been submitted, you are not yet a full candidate. A member of staff will reach out with what happens next.

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FIT AND PROPER

The Students' Union will check over your nomination. If you're a candidate for a full-time position, you'll need to complete a fit and proper interview. Allocate time in your diaries for a sit-down with a member of the Students' Union team. This is also your chance to ask any questions about the election process.

IMPORTANT: Fit and proper interviews must be completed to ensure your candidacy is confirmed. Make sure you get your nominations in early.

3

CANDIDATE BRIEFINGS

March 9th & 10th

Attending a candidate briefing is **COMPULSORY** for all candidates. These will be held in person, but there will be an online provision. Once you are confirmed as a candidate, you will be invited to attend a briefing, and if you can't make either date we will organise alternative arrangements.

4

MEDIA DAYS

March 9th & 10th

We're hosting two media days allowing you to introduce yourself and your ideas to Edge Hill students. We'll be recording short and simple videos with each candidate, which will be your chance to show the student body a bit more of your personality, additionally we'll take some headshots for you which you'll be able to use for your own campaign.

Check out our campaigning guide for more useful tips and information around campaigning.

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CANDIDATES ANNOUNCED

March 15th

A full list of candidates and their manifestos will be published on the EHSU website.

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CAMPAIGNING CAN BEGIN

March 16th

Let the campaigning begin!

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VOTING DAY

March 19th

Voting opens at 7am and closes at 11pm the 19th. Cast your vote via the Edge Hill Students' Union website.

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RESULTS DAY

20th March

Your new student officer team is announced. Results day is March 20th at an Elections Results Party.