

Call for applications for a student member of the University Council for 2025

Do you have a strong interest in leadership and good governance?

Would you like to contribute to the highest level of governance at the University of Tasmania by bringing a strong sense of the needs of the University's diverse student body?

The University has an exciting opportunity for a student to join the Council of the University for a 12-month appointment with the possibility of an additional 12 months (subject to being an enrolled student in 2026).

About the opportunity

In accordance with the *University of Tasmania Act 1992* (the Act), the University Council is the governing body of the University of Tasmania. A vacancy will exist on the Council for a student member for a one-year term, commencing on 1 January 2025. The student member will be selected from the enrolled students of the University.

Once selected, the student is required to act in the interests of the University as a whole, to keep confidential the matters discussed at Council and to deal appropriately with any conflicts of interest that may arise. Whilst the student member is not strictly representative, the student member is encouraged to meet regularly with the Tasmanian University Student Association President about relevant student issues and the broader student experience.

It is important to note that all members of Council should:

- not improperly use their position to gain an advantage for themselves or someone else.
- maintain public Council unity unless dissent is recorded.

The Act imposes on Council members the obligations of care and diligence (section 11A) and the obligation to act in good faith (section 11B). The Act also provides that a member of the Council is responsible and accountable to the Council, rather than to any constituent body by which they are appointed or elected (section 8(3)), and that the Council must act in the way it considers will best advance the interests of the University (section 9(2)).

Council members are required to spend as much time as necessary to perform their duties including:

- critically considering all agenda documentation
- attend and contribute to Council meeting, Council Committee meetings (as relevant) and strategic sessions.

There are generally 6-8 full day Council meeting meetings annually with the preference being for in person attendance noting that some intrastate travel is required as meetings are held State-wide (Hobart, Burnie and Launceston).

The role is paid, with the current remuneration being \$16,133 per annum plus superannuation.

Eligibility

You will be eligible to apply if you:

- are a current University of Tasmania student, enrolled in 2024, with a continuing enrolment in 2025
- comply with the [University's terms and conditions of enrolment](#).

In line with the University's commitment to fostering a community where all can contribute freely to a vibrant and productive social and work environment and recognising strength which flows from diversity, Council encourages applications from eligible students from across the University's diverse cohort.

Selection questions and requirements

Applicants should provide:

- their student number
- current CV including contact details (phone, email and postal address)
- A written response, maximum 400 words, to the following questions:
 1. Why you are interested in the opportunity to become a member of the University's governing body.
 2. The key skills and attributes you would bring to the role.
 3. Your understanding of what a place-based student experience should look like at the University of Tasmania.
 4. Your understanding of some of the current challenges facing higher education students and providers in Australia.

Further information for applicants

Anyone considering applying should obtain information on the role of the Council, its committee structure and its membership from the [University Council website](#).

Please contact the University Secretary (uni.council@utas.edu.au) if you would like any further information about applying. Applicants are also encouraged to contact the Chancellor, Ms Alison Watkins AM, via email (chancellor@utas.edu.au) if you would like further information about the operations of the Council.

Applications should be sent to uni.council@utas.edu.au by **5pm, Monday 21 October 2024**.