

STUDENT DIRECTOR - BOARD TRUSTEE

About BUCS

British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is a not-for-profit organisation, representing 156 HE institutions and delivering over 50 sporting competitions and several physical activity programmes to 2.4 million UK students. Our vision is to deliver exceptional student sporting experiences that inspire, develop and unite. For more information, see [BUCS Website](#).

About the Role

BUCS Board of Trustees is comprised of up to 12 Trustees, up to two of which are positions held by Student or Sabbatical Officers who are elected by BUCS Members. The Board is seeking nominations for the role of Student Director and Board Trustee. The successful candidate will work closely with both the BUCS Executive and the Board to represent the voice of the Student and Sabbatical Officer Network on the Board. Working at the highest level, this is a great opportunity to play a significant role in shaping the direction of BUCS. The post will hold a crucial role on the Board, ensuring that BUCS consider student experience in its decision making. The Student Director will also co-chair the Student and Sabbatical Officer Network with the other Student Director.

About the Board

BUCS is led by a Board of Trustees, consisting of an independent chair, appointed independent non-executive trustees, elected trustees from within Member institutions and elected student directors. For more information, see [BUCS Board](#).

Tenure

The Student Director will be elected for one term of two years, starting in July 2026 and ending in July 2028.

Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for the position of Student Director, you must be either:

- A Student Officer of an Athletic Union, Sports Union or Students' Union at a Member institution at time of appointment OR
- An internally registered student at a Member institution who is on a HE credit rated course and on a programme of at least 50% FTE.

Location

Meetings of the Board are held in person and alternate between London or the Midlands.

Meetings of the Student and Sabbatical Officer Network are usually held online.

Meetings of Advisory Group are held in various locations around the country.

Board roles are voluntary, however reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be covered for the delivery of the meetings and for Trustees operating on behalf of BUCS in an official capacity, in line with BUCS Expenses Policy.

Time Commitment

Year One - around 13 days a year. This includes four Board meetings, four Advisory Group Meetings, four Student and Sabbatical Officer Network meetings and the AGM.

Year 2 - around 9 days a year. This includes four Board meetings, four Student and Sabbatical Officer Network meetings and the AGM.

Additional time may be required to support the BUCS Executive with online meetings and development projects.

Application Process

Please complete the form linked [Here](#) to apply.

This will take you to the nominations form for the position.

Applicants will be required to complete a nomination form, as well as a declaration of good character.

Election Process

The Student Director is a Board position, elected through vote of BUCS members.

The nominees will be required to attend and take part in hustings which will be held at the BUCS conference on 8 July 2026.

Voting will open on 8 July 2026 at 10:00am until 9 July at 10:00am, following which results will be announced.

Closing Date for Nominations: 25 June 2026 at 11:59pm

For further information or an informal discussion concerning the role or BUCS, please contact [Chris Rawlings](#) (BUCS Governance Manager).