

BUCS STUDENT OFFICER

ROLE DESCRIPTION

Main Purpose

The Student and Sabbatical Officer Network (The Network) is designed to support any Student Officer from a BUCS Member institution to fulfil their roles by:

- Providing the Student Officers with regular and current updates on the work of BUCS.
- Enabling collective sharing of information and resources between the Student Officers.
- Providing a safe and supportive environment for Student Officers to discuss their roles and share experience with people in similar roles.
- Providing opportunity to share good practice across the network of Student Officers.
- Acting as sounding board to the BUCS Executive Team to ensure the views of students and student unions are taken into key decisions.
- Allowing insight to be shared into the opinions and views of the student body involved in BUCS.

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- You will sit on BUCS Advisory Group and provide input into the internal strategy of BUCS, with particular focus on areas relating to the student sporting experience.
- Support the Chair of the Network (BUCS Student Director) to develop agendas, run meetings and deliver initiatives for the Network.
- Where appropriate, organise network events and forums for the Network.
- Advocate the voice of the Student in the Network.
- Provide constructive check and challenge to ensure that the views of the students are raised.
- Support where necessary regional student chairs.
- Support the Student Officers to ensure there is engagement across the Network.
- You may become involved in BUCS Competitions Group.
- Represent BUCS in public.

Key Skills and Knowledge

- Ability to speak confidently in a public forum.
- Ability to convey complex information to a range of audiences.
- Ability to work with, support and constructively challenge.
- A commitment to BUCS, its mission, vision and values.
- An understanding of sport in the Higher Education environment.
- Highly developed analytical, communication and influencing skills.
- Ability to exercise good independent judgement.

Eligibility

To be eligible to stand for the position of BUCS Student Officer, 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.

Tenure

The Student Officers will be elected for a term of one year, starting in July 2026 and ending in July 2027.

Location

Meetings of the Student and Sabbatical Officer Network are usually held online and meetings of BUCS Advisory Group are held in various locations around the country. Student Officer roles are voluntary, however reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be covered for the delivery of the meetings and for Student Officers operating on behalf of BUCS in an official capacity, in line with BUCS Expenses Policy.

Time Commitment

Around 10 days a year. This includes four Advisory Group Meetings and four Network meetings.