

POSTGRADUATE TRUSTEE PACK

RSU roehampton
students'
union
Here with you



Dear Postgraduate Student

Thank you for showing interest in becoming a Postgraduate student trustee for Roehampton Students' Union. We are looking for a PG student who can help us stay student focussed and help deliver services in the best way possible to our diverse student membership.

Hopefully you will find this information pack useful in understanding the organisation, the responsibilities of being a trustee and how to apply. If you need any further information or assistance please do not hesitate in contacting me by email chuchu.nwagu@roehampton.ac.uk or phone 0208 392 3607.

I look forward to hearing from you

Best Wishes,

Chuchu Nwagu
President of the Roehampton
Students' Union
Chair of Trustee Board



WELCOME

About Roehampton Students' Union

We are proud of Roehampton University's strong sense of community among its diverse student and staff population and its tradition of academic excellence that stretches back to the 1840s. Today the University has a broad range of expertise across the arts and humanities, social sciences and the human and life sciences, while maintaining its historic strength in education.

RSU aims to create positive changes and experiences around the University. RSU is a student led organisation with 3 sabbaticals

(officer trustees) and 22 part time officers elected each year, who collectively make-up the Students' Union Council, representing the views of fellow students. To support sabbaticals, part time officers and the Union on a whole we have 10 full time members of staff and a growing number of student internships.

In recent years RSU has made continual progress, been financially secure, relocated to new offices, engaged more students, represented the student body and delivered on our objectives.

Charitable Objectives

- Promoting the interests and welfare of students at Roehampton University during their course of study by representing, supporting, empowering and advising our students.
- Being the recognised representative channel between students and Roehampton University as well as any other external bodies.
- Providing social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities and forums for our students to discuss, debate and develop themselves personally.

WHO ARE THE RSU?

OUR
2016 - 2020
STRATEGY

RSU, Here With You

- Our Vision -

By 2020, we will empower our students to deliver an unforgettable experience to our diverse and inclusive community.

Our Values



DRIVEN BY STUDENTS



EMPOWERING



INNOVATIVE



INFLUENTIAL



INCLUSIVE



APPROACHABLE



FUN

Our Strategic
PRIORITIES

Improve your

ACADEMIC

- & -

NON-ACADEMIC

experience

Help you realise

YOUR *POTENTIAL*
whilst at

Roehampton 

Help you create

FRIENDSHIPS

- & -

encourage

PARTICIPATION

by providing a

FUN *INSPIRING*
-and- **CAMPUS**

To be

REPRESENTATIVE

-and-

STUDENT *so you*
FOCUSSED *can*
THE WORLD *change*
- around you -

ENSURING *we are*

TRANSPARENT,
ETHICAL *and*
RESPONSIBLE

for all students.

Trustee Board

The role of the Trustee Board is to give strategic direction and ensure the Students' Union complies with governance and legislation, remains financially robust and ensures we achieve our charitable objectives and mission. The composition of the Trustee Board is very much student led with 3

sabbatical officer trustees, 1 part time officer trustee and 2 student trustees (one undergraduate and one postgraduate). In addition to the student trustees, we have 4 external (lay) trustees that support the board with external guidance and oversight.

What Will I get out of it?

Essentially the most important part is that you will get to be a part of a respected and successful charity organisation, making

a difference to students at Roehampton. In terms of more specific skills that will add to your experience you will:

- Gain valuable experience in governing a charity in a rapidly changing environment.
- Have the opportunity to learn how people and organisations really work.
- Be involved in influencing and implementing positive change.
- Be part of a positive and enjoyable organisation.
- Learn new skills that you can take into any graduate career.



TRUSTEE BOARD

About the role

The Student Trustees will be current students of the University of Roehampton and will be students for the duration of their role. Student Trustees will join the RSU trustee board through a process of application, interview and selection. Once selected, the successful students will be fully trained in all aspects of the role.

The ongoing commitment will mean attending between four and six Trustee Board meetings throughout the year. Each meeting will last a few hours and will require some reading and preparation. As a Trustee you will be involved in the 'big issues' affecting the future direction of RSU, but not the day to day operational management.

Some of the things you will be involved in are:

- Ensuring that the RSU vision, values and objectives are appropriate
- Approving the organisation strategy for the future
- Approving systems for financial management that ensure that we comply with the requirements of the Charities Act
- Ensuring that the long term financial stability of RSU is secure
- Ensuring that resources have been appropriately allocated to staff
- Receiving and considering responses to regular feedback from student consultation
- Ensuring that Trustees stay within charity law, and taking action in the unlikely event that they don't
- Ensuring that all recommended policy meets the objectives of RSU as in line with its strategy and financial capabilities

Some of these may sound a little daunting at first, but you will be given full training and will be guided through any difficult issues as they arise. We want to make sure it is a positive experience for you.

A little about you ...

The position will be selected, not elected. You must be a registered postgraduate student here at the University of Roehampton. Selection will be by an application and then interview where we will be looking to find out what you feel you can bring to RSU. We will be looking for the following qualities:

- Understanding and sharing our current values and objectives
- Being open minded and comfortable in considering new ideas and considering change
- Like working with people and as part of a team
- Can demonstrate an ability to make good and fair judgments
- Will be a student at Roehampton for the duration of the term office – two years
- Have a desire to make a difference
- You will be a registered Roehampton student in 2018/19

RSU also has a desire and a responsibility to get a broad cross section of backgrounds and interests on the Board of Trustees. As such we particularly welcome applications from students who identify with underrepresented elements of our membership.

ABOUT THE ROLE

When would I start as a trustee?

The deadline for applications is Monday 29th October 12pm. We hope to complete the recruitment of the postgraduate trustee ready for mid November. This will allow us to hold an induction session in November and in time for the trustee board meeting at the end of November.

What to do now...

Please fill in the student trustee application form explaining your motivations to to Chuchu Nwagu, Students' Union President, RSU, Froebel College, Roehampton University, Roehampton Lane, London, SW15 5PJ or email to chuchu.nwagu@roehampton.ac.uk



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TRUSTEE BOARD

Part 1 - About You

Position: Student Trustee 2018/19

SURNAME:	INITIALS:
EMAIL:	PHONE:
SCHOOL:	LEVEL / YEAR:

Part 2 - Student Status *(Tick all that apply)*

Degree Type		Mode of Study	
UNDERGRADUATE	<input type="checkbox"/>	FULL TIME	<input type="checkbox"/>
POSTGRADUATE	<input type="checkbox"/>	PART TIME	<input type="checkbox"/>
PHD	<input type="checkbox"/>	DISTANCE LEARNING	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/>	MATURE	<input type="checkbox"/>
		INTERNATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/>
		OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Main Location

FROEBEL	<input type="checkbox"/>
DIGBY STUART	<input type="checkbox"/>
WHITELANDS	<input type="checkbox"/>
SOUTHLANDS	<input type="checkbox"/>
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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APPLICATION FORM

Contacts

For more information and a discussion about becoming a Trustee please contact either:

- Chuchu Nwagu (RSU President and Chair of Trustee Board)
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- Matt Wall (RSU Chief Executive)
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MORE INFORMATION