

# Student Elections – Autumn 2019

## Role Description



### Disabilities Officer

#### Overview:

Act as the primary student representative of disabled students (e.g. physical, mental, hidden or learning disability) at Solent within the university, Students' Union and wider community. To ensure that the voices of disabled students are heard on the issues they face and that their voices are taken into account in decision making at Solent University

#### Responsibilities:

- Represent disabled students on Student Council and in the Students' Union
- Be the primary student spokesperson on disabled student issues at Solent University
- Encourage the participation of disabled students in the Students' Union
- Raise awareness around Solent University of issues affecting disabled students
- Support the Mental Health and Men's Health Officer where relevant
- Lead campaigns for positive change for disabled students at Solent

#### Training & Support:

Training will be provided to all Student Officers upon election and each officer will be paired with a full time Sabbatical Officer to act as a mentor. Ongoing support will be available from the Students' Union Representation Department throughout the year.

#### Skills Gained:

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| • Team Work          | • Cultural Awareness | • Time Management     |
| • Communication      | • Collaborating      | • Community Awareness |
| • Project Management | • Networking         | • Creativity          |
| • Campaigning        | • Debating           | • Negotiation         |

#### Time Commitment:

As the position is voluntary it's time commitment can be flexible to fit in with a student's studies. It's recommended that students commit around **4 hours per week** to the role. Student Council Meetings typically occur every 4 weeks during term time and there are normally around 5 per year.

**The post is from the Autumn 2019 – Summer 2020.**

#### How to Apply:

To apply, simply head to [www.solentsu.co.uk/elections](http://www.solentsu.co.uk/elections), pick a role and submit your name to start your application by 11:59pm on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. You'll then have till 8am on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October to complete your application and submit your manifesto explaining what you'd do in the role and why students should vote for you. Any current student can apply.

#### How they are Appointed:

For further information please visit: [www.solentsu.co.uk/elections](http://www.solentsu.co.uk/elections)  
Or contact: [elections@solent.ac.uk](mailto:elections@solent.ac.uk)

All Student Officers and Student Leaders are elected in our autumn Student Elections, in which every student at Solent University gets to vote on who represents them.

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