

# University of Birmingham Dubai Students' Association FAQs 2024/25

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## Who is responsible for the Elections?

Elections at the Students' Association and Guild of Students are administered by the Student Experience and Wellbeing and Guild's Election Team, and are overseen by the Student Experience and Wellbeing Team.

#### Are there any rules?

Students' Association Regulations, Byelaws and all applicable University Regulations (e.g. such as the Harassment & Bullying Policy) apply to this election. All information can be found on the **Student Leadership Election Webpage**.

**Do I have to submit a written statement (manifesto) and candidate photo?** You must ideally submit a written statement (manifesto) and candidate photo.

In previous years, positions available in Student Leaders Elections have been highly contested, with as many as 10 candidates applying for 1 position – so having a photo, and written statement (manifesto) which clearly states why you want to apply, what your policies are and why you believe you are the best candidate for the role, will really help students to decide whether they should vote for you.

Students have also previously fed back that they are more likely to vote for candidates who have submitted a written statement and photo. If you don't want to upload a photo of yourself, you can upload an avatar, drawing, meme or something similar instead. Further guidance on candidate photos and written statements <a href="mailto:can be found on the Student Leadership Election Webpage">can be found on the Student Leadership Election Webpage</a>.

#### How do I campaign? I've never campaigned before!

We have provided some guidance on the <u>election webpage</u>. Your friends, classmates and fellow students can also help you with your campaign, as long as they are also fully registered UoB Dubai Students.

#### What if I change my mind and no longer want to apply?

You are free to withdraw at any time before, during or after the election. If you want to withdraw, you should email <a href="mailto:dubaiexperience@contacts.bham.ac.uk">dubaiexperience@contacts.bham.ac.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:elections@guild.bham.ac.uk">elections@guild.bham.ac.uk</a> You don't need to provide a reason for withdrawing.



## The website says I am not eligible to apply for a role, why is this?

If you are a fully registered student, then you should be able to apply for a role that you want. Some roles require you to self-define. If you are still struggling, please let us know by emailing <a href="mailto:dubaiexperience@contacts.bham.ac.uk">dubaiexperience@contacts.bham.ac.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:elections@guild.bham.ac.uk">elections@guild.bham.ac.uk</a> as soon as possible.

## Can I apply for more than one role?

No, you can only apply and stand for one position.

## What can I go to for more information, advice and support?

Contact <u>dubaiexperience@contacts.bham.ac.uk</u> and <u>elections@gild.bham.ac.uk</u> if you are unsure about any issue about your campaign or if you need further wellbeing support.

Thank you for reading!