



## **Student Trustee 2020/21**

We are looking for an enthusiastic, reliable and approachable student to fill the role of Student Trustee.

This role is voluntary and open to all students. We welcome applications from undergraduate, postgraduate, home, international, full-time or part-time members. You must be a registered at the University of Reading during the 2020/21 academic year whilst undertaking this role.

Although an important role, being Student Trustee won't take up loads of your time. The role lasts for one academic year and we estimate that you'll only need to commit 15-20 hours throughout the year. The rewards, however, are fantastic! You'll develop invaluable skills to increase your employability whilst working with students and supporting the Union in meeting its charitable aims and organisational values.

Your role will be to ensure that RUSU is carrying out its purposes for the public benefit. The objects of RUSU are the advancement of education of students at the University of Reading for the public benefit by:

- Promoting the interests and welfare of students during their course of study and representing, supporting and advising students
- Being the recognised representative channel between students and the University and any other external bodies
- Providing social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities and forums for discussions and debate for the personal development of its students

RUSU Trustees must ensure that RUSU complies with its Memorandum and Articles of Association (constitution), Charity Law and any other laws that apply to its activities.

Acting in the best interests of RUSU, RUSU Trustees need to ensure that:

- They make balanced and adequately informed decisions
- They avoid putting themselves in positions where there is a conflict of interest
- They do not receive any benefit from the charity unless it is properly authorised and clearly in the interests of the charity

RUSU Trustees must act responsibly, reasonably and honestly to ensure that:

- RUSU's assets are only used to support the work of the charity
- No inappropriate risks are taken that may negatively affect RUSU's assets or reputation
- RUSU is not over committed in terms of resources
- RUSU carefully considers any investment or borrowing
- RUSU complies with any restrictions attached to its funds



RUSU Trustees should use their skills and experience and take appropriate advice where necessary. They should also ensure that they dedicate enough time, thought and energy to the role.

RUSU Trustees must ensure that RUSU is accountable:

- Be able to demonstrate that RUSU is complying with the law, that it is well run and effective
- Ensure that it is accountable to its members
- Maintain responsibility for any authority delegated to staff, volunteers or sub committees

### **Want to discuss the role?**

If you are interested and want to discuss the role, speak to Molli Cleaver, RUSU President. Alternatively, email Molli at [president@rusu.co.uk](mailto:president@rusu.co.uk).

### **How to apply?**

To apply for this role please fill out the application form which can be found on the RUSU website and send this to [president@rusu.co.uk](mailto:president@rusu.co.uk).

**Applications close – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, midday.**