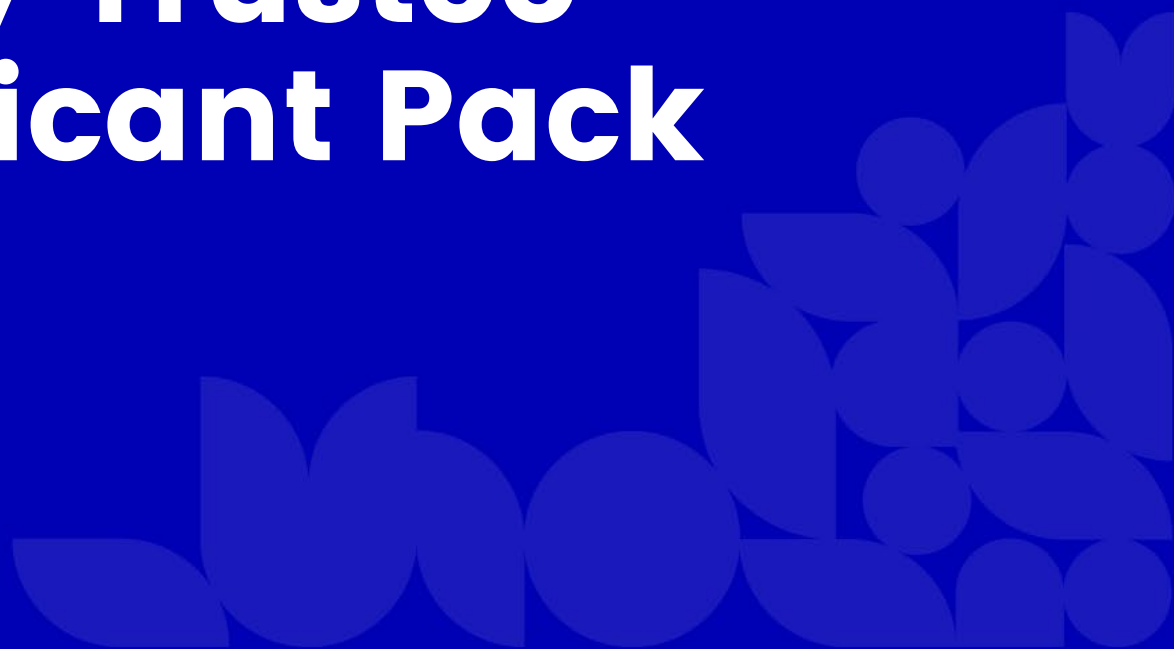




# Lay Trustee Applicant Pack



# Welcome!

**Thank you for your interest in becoming our Trustee.**

As a Students' Union we are driven by our belief that when students come together, they can shape the communities they are part of for the better.

Our Board of Trustees are instrumental in ensuring we turn our **belief** into **practice** for our students.

**As a Trustee**, you will be helping to hold the Students' Union to the high standard we expect of ourselves.

Any community is made up of diverse perspectives and backgrounds, and we hope that you can bring your passions and expertise to support us in delivering for our students.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Jimena Alamo**

Students' Union President  
Chair of Board of Trustees



# What we do

At The SU Bath, our student leaders and elected representatives are supported by our professional and experienced SU Staff Team to create the opportunities that positively impact the local community.

Together we: Promote student interest and welfare; Provide support and advice; Represent the student community with the University and others; Provide social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities.

How we do this is through student-led:

- Voice – helping students stand up, speak up and make their voice heard,
- Experiences – making friends and memories that last a lifetime,
- Groups – broadening horizons with our communities of students,
- Support – providing advice and support on student life,
- Development – developing the skills students need to lead and change.



# Summary of the role



<b>Salary</b>	Voluntary role
<b>Duration</b>	3 year term
<b>Commitment</b>	The Board of Trustees normally meets four times a year. Needs to be available via email for urgent decisions that may arise outside of meetings
<b>Responsibility</b>	The Board is responsible for ensuring the organisation is fit for purpose. This involves approving the SU's annual budget, reviews policy and monitors organisational performance against agreed key performance indicators (KPIs).
<b>Location</b>	Board of Trustees meetings will be hybrid based at the University of Bath Claverton Down Campus
<b>Expenses</b>	The SU will reimburse you for expenses such as travel and accommodation following the relevant financial procedures.
<b>Support</b>	Training is provided to all new members to ensure the board is fully inducted and prepared to perform its duties.

# What our Trustees do

- Our Trustees are appointed for 3 years with the opportunity to stand for two terms.
- Provide The SU with a clear vision, mission and strategic direction. To do this our trustees are responsible for the performance and behaviour of the SU.
- Are responsible for the performance of The SU and ensuring that regulatory and legal requirements are adhered to.
- Act as guardians of The SU's assets, both tangible and intangible, taking due care of their security, deployment and proper application.
- Ensure that The SU's governance is of the highest possible standard.
- To hold the Chief Executive to account for the management and administration of the SU.



# Meetings our Trustees attend



## Board of Trustees:

- Four meetings a year with additional online meetings when deemed necessary.
- Meetings are hybrid with reasonable expenses reimbursed for trustees that do not live in Bath.
- Board of Trustees receive papers ahead of the meeting allowing them to prepare feedback and questions when the Board meets.



## Subcommittees:

External Trustees are invited to sit on at least one of the following Board subcommittees.

- **Finance, Risk & Business Development Committee** oversees the financial and risk aspects of the organisation. Currently this committee meets 5 times a year and the meets are held online.
- **People & Engagement Committee** is a new committee that will oversee the culture of The SU including staff wellbeing, member engagement and progress on key strands of the strategy. This committee will meet 4 times a year and meetings will be hybrid.



# In Addition

To ensure we have a well-informed board we particularly encourage applicants with knowledge in any of the following areas:

- Working across different communities
- Local knowledge and involvement in the City of Bath
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

We want our board to reflect the diversity of our students. We welcome applications from individuals of any background.



# Why be a trustee of The SU Bath?

- **Share your passions and knowledge.** A Students' Union's Board of Trustees is a brilliant opportunity to exchange knowledge with fellow trustees and the wider organisation.
- **Work directly with students.** Our trustees are invited to partner with a SU department giving you an intimate insight as to how we work.
- **You get to make a difference.** As a trustee, you will guide an organisation dedicated to improving students' lives and, through that, the Bath community as a whole.
- **Celebrate with students.** Our trustees are invited to a number of student celebrations and events such as Summer Ball, Freshers' Week and shows in our theatre.
- **Extend your networks.** At The SU Bath, we are incredibly thankful to have such brilliant trustees with a variety of backgrounds. You can expect to diversify your professional connections.





# How to apply

## Find out more

For more information and an informal chat about the role please contact: Jimena Alamo, SU President and Chair of the Board of Trustees – [supresident@bath.ac.uk](mailto:supresident@bath.ac.uk)

## How to apply

To apply for this role, please send a CV and covering letter to Beki Self, Secretary to the Board of Trustees at [ras232@bath.ac.uk](mailto:ras232@bath.ac.uk)

## Deadline

The closing date for applications is 12.00 noon Monday 28 October

## Interviews

Interviews are provisionally planned for w/c 4 November.

Alternate dates may be possible on request, but this is not guaranteed.

Interviews will be conducted at The SU on the Claverton Down Campus in Bath. Online interviews can be requested.

Travel expenses for interviews can be reimbursed in line with the University's Travel and expenses policy.

**Thank you.**

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