

SU PRESIDENT

Leading change. Amplifying voices. Bringing students together.

As President of the Students' Union, you'll be the main student voice at the University of Wolverhampton — the person who brings everyone together and makes sure students' needs shape the big decisions. It's a full-time, paid role that's all about leadership, communication and making real change happen across every part of university life.

You'll be the link between students, the Students' Union, and the University's senior staff. You'll represent all students at the highest level, making sure their views are heard when policies are made, services are shaped and the future of the University is planned.

What You'll Be Doing

As President, you'll be involved in everything from big-picture strategy to everyday student life. You might be:

- Leading campaigns on the issues that matter most to students — from the cost of living to better campus facilities.
- Working with University leaders to make sure students' voices drive real change in teaching, support and wellbeing.
- Supporting the other Officers and helping the team work together on shared goals.
- Overseeing the Union's democratic structures — making sure students can vote, have their say, and hold the SU to account.
- Meeting local partners, community leaders and national bodies to champion Wolverhampton students on a bigger stage.
- Taking part in events like Welcome Week, open days and community projects — helping new students feel part of something special.

It's a role that mixes leadership, teamwork and creativity — and no two days are ever the same.

Why You'll Love It

Being President is a chance to make a real difference. You'll:

- Lead the way: Be the face and voice of the Students' Union and represent thousands of students.
- Shape the future: Influence decisions that affect everything from academic policy to student life and wellbeing.
- Build your skills: Learn about leadership, negotiation, communication and strategic thinking — experience that will take you anywhere.
- Work with inspiring people: Collaborate with staff, community partners and national organisations like the NUS.
- Leave your mark: Help build a stronger, more inclusive, and more connected Wolverhampton for the students who come after you.

If you're passionate about student life, ready to lead, and want to make sure students have a real say in their university experience, this is the role for you.

MAKE YOUR MARK

Purpose and values of the Students' Union

The Students' Union exists to advance the education of its members, the students at the University of Wolverhampton. It does this through a number of activities including offering individual advice, supporting student communities, championing the student voice and delivering events.

Be Supportive - By supporting our students to get the best out of their student experience

Be Brave - By being a strong, proactive Union, trusted by students who know we have their back

Be Inclusive - By welcoming, supporting, respecting and celebrating students of diverse backgrounds, experience or identity

Be Innovative - By being creative and agile, actively seeking opportunities that will have a meaningful impact on students' lives

Purpose of Post

Lead the Students' Union as the principal student representative and spokesperson, ensuring student views shape decisions across the University. Drive the development and accountability of the University of Wolverhampton Students' Union democratic systems; coordinate and support the elected Officer team; champion effective communication with members; and build constructive relationships with the University and external partners to improve the student experience.

Post:	SU President
Salary and Scale:	£23,500
Hours:	35 hours per week
Responsible to:	Trustee Board / Student Council

Primary Responsibilities

1. Lead and oversee University of Wolverhampton Students' Union democratic systems, elections and decision-making processes.
2. Ensure democratic structures are transparent, representative, and accessible to all students.
3. Promote active student participation and accountability within SU governance.
4. Lead, support and motivate the Sabbatical Officer team to deliver campaigns, projects and objectives.
5. Encourage collaboration and effective communication across the team and wider SU staff.
6. Ensure Union affairs are run efficiently and reflect student needs and Wolves SU values.

7. Build strong partnerships with University departments, local authorities and community organisations.
8. Represent the SU at regional and national levels (e.g., NUS or sector events).
9. Promote a positive image of students and the Students' Union externally.
10. Maintain a visible presence across campuses to engage with students regularly.
11. Take part in key events such as Welcome Week, Open Days and campaigns.
12. Champion effective communication so students understand how their voices lead to change.

General Responsibilities

1. Uphold and promote UWSU's core values: democracy, diversity, equality, sustainability and integrity.
2. Work closely with the Vice Presidents to support academic, welfare, and community representation.
3. Contribute to the development and delivery of UWSU's strategic plan.
4. Attend relevant committees, identify emerging student issues, and report back outcomes to students.
5. Support students in disciplinary or academic appeal processes.
6. Help make SU spaces welcoming and inclusive across all campuses.
7. Responsible for developing and maintaining good relationships with:
 - i. Sabbatical Officers of the Students' Union
 - ii. All staff across the Students' union
 - iii. External stakeholders as relevant to the work of the team
 - iv. SU Representatives (including Course Reps)
 - v. Students
 - vi. University staff
8. As a Trustee, you share collective responsibility for:
 - i. Setting and maintaining UWSU's vision, mission, and long-term strategy
 - ii. Overseeing financial sustainability and performance
 - iii. Ensuring legal and regulatory compliance
 - iv. Protecting and managing UWSU's assets
 - v. Upholding the highest standards of governance and ethical leadership

What we're looking for

You should be able to demonstrate across the application process:	Essential	Desirable
QUALIFICATIONS		
Current student at the University of Wolverhampton	X	
Training or coursework related to leadership, communication, or governance		X
EXPERIENCE		
Experience engaging with diverse groups of people	X	
Experience of working collaboratively to solve problems or deliver change	X	
Experience working within a team or leading a project	X	
Experience representing others (e.g., course rep, society leader, volunteer)		X
KNOWLEDGE		
Understanding of student life and issues affecting students	X	
Awareness of equality, diversity, and inclusion principles	X	
Knowledge of Students' Union structures, governance, or higher education	X	
Awareness of community, wellbeing, or policy issues relevant to students		X
SKILLS AND ABILITIES		
Strong verbal and written communication skills	X	
Confident public speaking and presentation ability	X	
Ability to think strategically and make evidence-based decisions	X	
Ability to lead, motivate, and inspire others	X	
Good organisational and time-management skills	X	
Ability to analyse information and challenge constructively	X	
Competent in digital communication and social media engagement		X
VALUES		
Values compatible with those of the students' union	X	
Professional, reliable, and approachable attitude	X	
Demonstrable commitment to equity, liberation and diversity	X	
Willingness to listen, learn, and act on feedback	X	
Open-minded and inclusive approach to working with others	X	
Passionate about improving the student experience	X	

