

# OUSU

*Oxford University  
Students' Union*



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# About Oxford University Students' Union

We're here to make sure that every student at Oxford University has the best student journey possible. We're run by students, for students. Our decisions, policies and what we do are decided by our 22,000 student members. We have six full-time Sabbatical Officers, who are elected annually, to represent students in a variety of areas. We are a democratic charity and a membership focused organisation with students leading us every step of the way.

As well as empowering our student members to share and use their voice, there is loads of other ways that Oxford students can get involved with us as their Students' Union including:

- Providing the best introduction to Oxford through Freshers' Fair
- Supporting Common Room Officers with training on important issues.
- Campaigning on university wide issues such as funding and bursary negotiations
- Impartial and confidential support from our Student Advice Service
- Shaping their experience through Course Reps, OUSU Council and Sabbatical Officers
- Recognising excellent teaching through our Teaching Awards
- Supporting Oxford's largest student newspaper and only student radio station.

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## *Our Vision*

An Oxford where students are genuine partners in shaping their Oxford experience.

## *Our Mission*

To represent, support and enhance the lives of Oxford students.

## *Our Values*

**We're professional, dynamic, democratic, respectful.**

Our values are the words that we use to describe how we are as people within the organisation - it's how we go about our work.

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## *We believe in...*

Empowering students to shape their Oxford experience and develop them to be powerful agents for change.

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## What is Trustee Board?

It is the governing body of a charity. Trustees have overall control of a charity and are responsible for making sure it's doing what it was set up to do. OUSU's trustee board is not a general policy-making body – that's what OUSU Council is for. The trustee board is, instead, responsible for the strategic direction of OUSU, along with making sure it remains legal and financially viable.

The president of OUSU chairs the trustee board, and its members are: the six sabbatical officers, the chief executive, four external trustees, and three student trustees.

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## What is a Student Trustee?

Student trustees are elected to the Board to represent the views of student members, with the opportunity to challenge the sabbatical trustees in the context of a trustee board. Student trustees bring knowledge of a student experience without the constraint of a mandate.

## Why is the Position Open?

Our Trustees usually serve for a year, from the end of Hilary until the end of Hilary the following year. This year, one of our student trustees graduated in the summer, meaning we have a vacancy on the Board for Michaelmas term leading up to the elections in Hilary 2017.

## Requirements:

We are looking for a current, matriculated student of the University of Oxford to be a member of the Board for this term. This will include attendance to the termly meeting on 18th November 2016. The trustee board often conducts business via email, so a student trustee should be available to regularly check emails.

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