

SU President

Salary: £25,000

Contract type: One year, starting early July 2025

Hours: Full time, working 35 hours per week Monday–Friday. Due to the nature of the post additional work commitments will be required including evening and weekend work.

Method of appointment: Election

Eligibility: BU Students

Accountable to: The membership of SUBU

The President is the chief representative of the union. The President makes strategic and executive decisions, leads the officer team and advocates on the behalf of all BU students to the University, locally and nationally. They are ultimately responsible for the leadership and direction of SUBU through their role as chair of the Trustee Board.

You should run for this role if you:

- Want to ensure that the Union remains relevant and beneficial to all student members
- Want to take an active role ensuring that SUBU is represented within the University and beyond
- You have great communication skills and are comfortable communicating with a range of people from students to the Vice-Chancellor, in a range of different situations from having a casual chat to chairing our Student Members' Meeting

The President shall:

- Advance the education of students at Bournemouth University by being the principal representative of students' views internally at BU, within the local community and on a national level.
- Act as the principal student representative, including attending relevant senior meetings within the University and being a student member on Bournemouth University's Board of Governors. You'll also be expected to attend Senate, Estates Development Committee and a range of other meetings.
- Ultimately responsible for the leadership and direction of the Union through their role as chair of the Trustee Board.
- Be the key liaison with the University and Vice Chancellor on overarching and general matters.
- Co-ordinate and ensure the effective operation of the Officer team and lead the collective decision making of the Executive Committee.
- Work with SUBU staff members, particularly the Senior Managers, to ensure the delivery of appropriate services to students.
- Be responsible for maintaining an overview of all Union activities, including commercial offerings.
- Be the primary liaison with the NUS, including being the ex-officio delegate to the NUS National Conference.
- Be the lead Full-Time Officer for Democracy within the Union, including chairing the Executive Committee and Student Members' Meeting.
- Be the primary point of contact and voice for students for external press relations and internal membership communication, unless specifically covered by other roles.
- Lead on national representation and campaigns to improve the student experience, unless specifically covered by other roles.
- Lead on ensuring the Union has a strong presence on all university campuses.

As Chair of the Trustee Board:

- Be the legal head of the charity.
- Chair and coordinate meetings.
- Act as a member of the committees on the Board.
- Help manage working relationships among the trustees and with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), including leading the CEO's appraisal process with support from other board members.
- Lead the recruitment and selection of future board members.
- Ensure the Trustee Board is equipped to deliver strong governance practices
- Support the Trustee to perform effectively individually and collectively.
- Ensure the Board of Trustees maintains an overview of the unions' responsibilities for compliance with the law and university and union regulations.
- Have lead responsibility for ensuring good governance and relationships with any subsidiary charities of SUBU.