

## Autumn Elections FAQs

### **Who is responsible for the Elections?**

Elections are administered by the Elections Team, and are overseen by the President. The Returning Officer is responsible for the overall fair conduct of this election.

### **Are there any rules?**

Guild of Students Election Regulations, Guild of Students Byelaws and all applicable University Regulations apply to this election. Election Regulations and Byelaws are available as part of the Application Pack online, and on the Guild website.

The Guild's Zero Tolerance Policy and University's Harassment & Bullying Policy also apply, and these are available as part of the Application Pack online.

### **Can I support my friend who is applying for another role?**

Yes. Candidates in different elections can endorse each other. This is called a Slate. However, if you are running in the same election e.g. a multi-seat election you are prohibited from supporting each other.

### **Can my friends help?**

Of course! The more people who get involved in your campaign the better! They must however also be students at the University of Birmingham.

### **What if I change my mind and no longer want to apply?**

You are free to withdraw at any time. You will be asked to provide your wish to withdraw in emailing [elections@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:elections@guild.bham.ac.uk).

### **The website says I am not eligible to apply for a role, why is this?**

If you are a registered student, then you should be able to apply for a role that you want. Some roles have additional criteria, where you would need to self-define. Guidance on how to do this can be found in the Elections Guide. If you are still struggling, please let us know as soon as possible.

### **Can I apply for more than one role?**

You can apply for more than one role, as long as they are not from the same committee/area. For example, you cannot apply to be a Sports Representative AND Student Groups Representative on the Activities Committee, but you could apply to be a Sports Representative on the Activities Committee and a School Rep.

You can also apply for a role on more than one committee. For example, you could apply to be a Sports Representative on the Activities Committee and Student Member (Open Place) on the Welfare & Liberation Committee.

### **Where can I go for advice?**

This depends on the information being sought – please find a directory below:

[Elections Team](#)

The Elections Team is there to support candidates with election issues, such as having problems applying for roles or understanding the election rules. You can contact the Elections Team on [elections@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:elections@guild.bham.ac.uk)

#### President – Tobi Adeyemi

The President oversees the running of elections as part of their remit and will be happy to answer any questions about the election process.

Email: [president@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:president@guild.bham.ac.uk)

#### Candidate Welfare & Liberation Support

For further information on welfare and liberation support, please refer to the document "Candidate Welfare & Liberation Support" in the Applications Pack on the elections webpage.

**For further information in general, please email: [elections@guild.bham.ac.uk](mailto:elections@guild.bham.ac.uk).**