

Durham SU full-time Student Officer roles

Job Title:	Student Officer	Job Category:	Employed
Salary	£26,995	Contract length	Fixed term, 12 months
Start date:	TBC – Summer 2026	End Date:	TBC – Summer 2027
Holiday Entitlement:	30 days plus 8 days bank holiday.	Place of Work:	Dunelm House, Durham Students' Union
Hours of work	35/week		

President

The Durham SU President will:

- Chair the Officer Committee.
- Be the lead student representative to Durham University and regional and national organisations.
- Be the chief spokesperson for the Officer team, representing Durham students to the media.
- Lead the student interest in the effective governance and management of Durham SU, working closely with the Durham SU Chief Executive.

What this might look like day to day:

- Advocating for positive change to the Durham student experience and working collaboratively with the University on institution-wide projects. You will spend time representing students' interests to University Executives to achieve this.
- Working closely with the Officer Committee to provide direction for the day-to-day work of Durham SU, leading the Student Officer team and establishing an effective team of student representatives.
- Listening to students face to face through 1-1 conversations or large forum-style events and online through messages from students and social media conversations.
- Being a spokesperson for Durham SU, carrying out media interviews when required and making public statements on issues impacting students.
- Leading campus-wide campaigns to effect positive change for students, bringing your own ideas and responding to student interest.
- Attending regular committee meetings within the SU and the wider University and input into decisions relating to the good governance and management of Durham SU as an organisation.
- Providing direction to the SU on our strategic goals to bring students together, build confidence and value in the purpose of the SU and tackle the big issues that hold students back.
- Reading (and sometimes writing) committee papers, responding to national policy consultations and producing statements and reports when appropriate- supported by SU staff.
- Updating and communicating with students through key student communications channels, including regularly creating content for social media as one of the public faces of Durham SU.
- Attending SU's Board of Trustees meetings.
- Inputting into SU policy
- Promoting SU services and activities to students.

Education Officer

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The Durham SU Education Officer will:

- Chair Education Committee
- Be lead student representative to Durham University on the academic student experience.
- Coordinate and champion the work of academic student experience volunteers across Durham.

What this might look like day to day:

- Representing students' views to academic staff within the University, advocating for positive change in the academic experience of Durham students, and working on projects impacting learning and teaching.
- Working closely with Faculty Officers to help tackle issues at Faculty level. As well as the International Students' Officer, Postgraduate Taught Students' Officer, and the Postgraduate Research (PGR) Students' Officer to bring positive change for students in those communities.
- Listening to course reps, faculty reps and wider students' concerns about their academic experience, either face to face through 1-1 conversations or large forum-style events and online through messages from students and social media conversations.
- Providing direction to the SU on our strategic goals to improve induction, increase access, and represent students' academic interests well.
- Reading (and sometimes writing) committee papers, responding to national policy consultations and producing statements and reports when appropriate- supported by SU staff.
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Community Officer

The Durham SU Community Officer will:

- Chair Community Committee
- Be lead student representative to Durham University on the wider student experience.
- Coordinate and champion the work of wider student experience volunteers across Durham.

What this might look like day to day:

- Representing students' views to University staff in committee meeting spaces, advocating for positive change to the wider student experience across Durham and working on projects impacting student enrichment, student support, diversity, equality, inclusion and justice (DEIJ), and other non-academic matters.
- Working closely with the Welfare Officer, Liberation Officer, Societies Officer, Sustainability Officer and the JCR and MCR Committee Chairs to help tackle issues that impact aspects of student life outside of academia, such as private housing and the cost of living.
- Listening to students' concerns about their experience, either face to face through 1-1 conversations or large forum-style events and online through messages from students and social media conversations.
- Providing direction to the SU on our strategic goals to improve private housing, bring students together in a community and increase the sense of belonging to Durham among students.
- Reading (and sometimes writing) committee papers, responding to national policy consultations and producing statements and reports when appropriate- supported by SU staff.
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