leadership elections

nomination FAQs

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>> When do nominations close?
Nominations close at 23:59, Sunday 4 February

>> When can I start campaigning?
Candidates can begin campaigning at 9am on 27 February, providing they attend the compulsory Candidate Briefing on Monday 26 February

>> When does voting open?
Voting opens at 10:00 on Tuesday 5 March and closes at 14:00 on Thursday 7 March

>> When will results be announced?
Results will be announced at Results Night on Friday 8 March. We’ll release more details closer to the time.

>> Can I nominate a friend?
Yes! If you think a friend would be suited to a role, you can nominate them using our Recommend A Friend survey. We’ll do the rest.

>> How much is the candidate’s budget?
Each full-time candidate has a maximum personal spend of £50, and each part-time candidate can spend a maximum of £20. In addition, the Students’ Union will provide up to £10 worth of printing without charge. Candidates may not exceed this spending.

>> I’m an international student, can I stand for a role?
Yes! We want to encourage our international students to take on leadership roles. The government have made it possible for Tier 4 visa holders to undertake paid, full-time Officer roles, meaning successfully elected full-time officers will be able to extend their stay in the UK under Tier 4. To find out more information, reach out to the International Support Office at internationaladvice@rhul.ac.uk.

You are also able to take on part-time roles, if you take on the role alongside your full-time studies.
**Can student groups endorse candidates?**

Student groups are encouraged to provide opportunities for all candidates to engage with their members. Student groups are permitted to endorse candidates, but they should continue to offer the opportunity to all candidates to engage with their members and should be aware of the ‘free and fair’ ethos when making decisions about candidate engagement and endorsement. Student groups, including Communities, are not permitted to endorse candidates within their own elections.

**How do I make a complaint about the elections process?**

All complaints are considered by the Deputy Returning Officer. To submit a complaint please complete the online form:

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mmn9LiZaU62ARCAACNKKLnDEs9BWUHm9EgbrNtL16IglUNjU0jNOSTk1VzJMQVpFNFNzMEpJOENZMS4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mmn9LiZaU62ARCAACNKKLnDEs9BWUHm9EgbrNtL16IglUNjU0jNOSTk1VzJMQVpFNFNzMEpJOENZMS4u)

**Where can people vote?**

Voting is open from 5-7 March. You can cast your vote online through the Students’ Union or at one of our polling stations.
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