Postgraduate Research Representative (S&E)

The Postgraduate Research Representative (S&E) represents students studying a postgraduate research course at the Faculty of Science and Engineering.

To run for this role, you must meet the following requirements:

* Be a postgraduate research student at Queen Mary in 2024/25
* Study at the Faculty of Science & Engineering

Duties

* Engage with and lobby Queen Mary University of London and other relevant organisations to achieve improvements for postgraduate research students
* Seek feedback from postgraduate research students in order accurately to represent their interests
* Attend relevant meetings within the Students’ Union and the university (see list of compulsory meetings below)
* Where appropriate, support the Executive Committee in their duties and responsibilities and seek support from them with respect to their own duties and responsibilities
* Cooperate and coordinate with the Postgraduate Research Subject Reps and the other Postgraduate Research Faculty Reps
* Liaise with members of student groups relevant to their role
* Provide regular updates on your work to the students you represent

Meetings you are required to attend

* Student Council (2 hour meeting, four to five times a year)
* Science and Engineering Board (1.5 hour meeting, four to five times a year)
* Postgraduate Board (1.5 hour meeting, four to five times a year)
* Regular meetings with the Postgraduate Research Subject Reps within the Faculty of Science and Engineering

Optional activities

While there is nothing that is required of this role other than what has been mentioned above, you can choose to take part in other activities within your year if you wish, such as:

* Holding events for postgraduate research students to build a sense of community
* Coordinating campaigns to raise awareness of postgraduate research students and the issues they face
* Coordinating regionally and nationally with other postgraduate campaigners on issues where you share a goal

**Training you will receive**

You’ll receive full training for your role, including training on:

* How the Students’ Union works
* Inclusive leadership
* Effective representation
* How to create change
* Anything else the role of Student Council member requires

You’ll also get access individual project planning sessions and project support from your staff support.

**Skills you can develop**

* Inclusive leadership
* Negotiation and influencing
* Campaigning for change
* Organisation and prioritisation
* Communication
* Event planning and delivery

**Benefits you will receive**

All part-time officer roles are voluntary, unpaid roles. To thank the elected officers for their work, all officers get a full training package and other perks. Perks vary from year to year, but in the past, perks have included discounts in Students' Union shops, cafes and bars and free tickets for events.