

Notice of Senate Nominations and Elections

Applications: 12 am Monday 20 July to 11.59 pm Sunday 2 August 2026

Elections: 12 am Monday 10 August to 11.59 pm Sunday 16 August 2026 *(if required)*

Vacancies exist for 5 positions for students on Federation University's Student Senate. All Senate positions are for a two-year term, ending at the end of Semester 1, 2028 (Semester Code - 2805). The students successfully elected to these positions will be expected to attend up to eight meetings per year by videoconferencing, should anticipate around an hour of duties per week on average, and to attend several days of training across the year.

In addition to the eligibility criteria given against each role below, at time of applying all students must:

- i. Studying at a time fraction of 0.5 or more;
- ii. Not employed by the University at a time fraction of 0.5 or more;
- iii. 18 years or over (not applicable to Federation College and VCE VM & VPC Students); and
- iv. Not currently serving a custodial sentence.

The election is governed by the Federation University Australia (Operations) Regulations, Part 5, Divisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

We recommend you download and open this form in Adobe Reader or equivalent, not in your browser.

Call for applications

Specific roles may carry additional duties, check the Position Descriptions for more information. Position Descriptions are available at www.federation.edu.au/student-senate or on request from returningofficer.studentsenate@federation.edu.au

Available Position Name	Position Summary	Eligibility
Metro Area Student Representative (1 position)	Acts to advocate on behalf of all students at the Melbourne City campus.	Open to Higher Education students enrolled in a course at the University's Melbourne City campus.
First Nations Student Representative (1 position)	Acts to engage with and advocates for the diverse range of Indigenous students enrolled at the University.	Open to all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at the University.
International Student Representative (1 position)	Acts to advocate on behalf of all students enrolled as International students at Federation University	Open to students enrolled as International students at the University and studying in Australia (must hold a current Overseas Student Visa).
Student Representative from the Institute of Education, Arts and Community (1 positions)	Acts to advocate on behalf of all students within Institute Of Education, Arts and Community	Open to students enrolled within the Institute.
Student Representative from the Institute of Health and Wellbeing (1 positions)	Acts to advocate on behalf of all students within the Institute of Health and Wellbeing.	Open to students enrolled within the Institute.

Application process

To complete the form applicant students must have two other students endorse their application. The applicant and two endorsers must all be currently enrolled students at Federation University. Application forms will be available from 20 July 2026 at www.federation.edu.au/student-senate. Notification of forms being available will be emailed to all students 20 July 2026.

Written, photo or video policy statement

Each form must be submitted with a policy statement and photograph for use on Federation University Student Senate web pages, campus noticeboards, and Senate social media. Policy statements must not exceed 300 words and photographs should be in **JPEG format, cropped square, have a background and be taken in good lighting**. Alternatively, students may submit a pre-recorded video statement, which will be posted to the Federation University Student Senate web pages, campus noticeboards, and Senate social media. The video should not exceed three minutes in length. MP4 or AVI format are preferred. Those submitting videos must still provide a separate photo and a transcript of the statement for accessibility.

Submissions

Completed nomination forms, along with a policy statement and photo, must be lodged no later than 11.59 pm Sunday 2 August 2026, to the Returning Officer, in one of the following ways:

Attached to an email sent to returningofficer.studentsenate@federation.edu.au

OR

Mailed to: Returning Officer, Student Senate, Level 1, U Building, Federation University, University Drive, Mt Helen, 3350

Voting arrangements

If there is more than one application for any given position, an election will be held 12 am Monday 10 August to 11.59 pm Sunday 16 August 2026. An online voting form will be made available at www.federation.edu.au/student-senate and emailed to all enrolled students. The election uses a first-past-the-post voting system, where each voter has a single vote and the candidate with the most votes wins. All enrolled students at Federation University are eligible to vote.

For some positions, there are additional voting restrictions. For example:

- Campus-specific roles are elected by students who principally study at that campus.
- Distance/online representative to be elected by distance/online students.
- TAFE roles are to be elected by TAFE students.
- Higher Education roles are to be elected by Higher Education students.
- Institute specific roles are to be elected by the students of that institute.

At the close of the election, results will be announced to the candidates who will have 48hrs to lodge a dispute should they have any concerns. Disputes will be resolved by the Executive Officer in conjunction with the Dean of Students and the complainant. Complainants will receive timely communication and be informed of the outcome of their dispute. Election results will be announced University-wide within 10 working days of the Election closing or upon resolution of outstanding disputes.

Enquiries relating to these arrangements may be referred to:

Lee Hogervorst

Returning Officer, Student Senate

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