

Policy Briefing – Clubs & Societies Postgraduate Officer

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What is the current situation at UCL related to this proposal?

UCL has over 23,000 postgraduate students, which makes up about 54% of the student body.¹ Postgraduate students are eligible to join any club or society offered at the SU.

In the Term 1² and Term 3³ by-elections this year, six clubs/societies had positions open for the role of Postgraduate Officer or Postgraduate Representative.⁴ No clubs or societies elected a postgraduate committee position during the Leadership Race held in Term 2.⁵

What is the relevant national/ international context to this situation?

It is unclear whether other comparable London Students' Unions (LSE, King's, Imperial) have Postgraduate Officer roles for their clubs and societies.

Are there any legal implications to this policy proposal?

No.

Does this relate to any existing SU policy?

No.

Are there any financial, resource or stakeholder/ public relations issues with this policy proposal?

No.

What would the next steps be if the proposal passed?

The Union would need to communicate to all clubs and societies this policy and set up the next by-elections to include the Postgraduate Officer role as default.

¹ [https://www.ucl.ac.uk/about/who/student-body#:~:text=UCL%20brings%20together%20a%20diverse,\(2019%2F20%20figures\).](https://www.ucl.ac.uk/about/who/student-body#:~:text=UCL%20brings%20together%20a%20diverse,(2019%2F20%20figures).)

² <https://www7.studentsunionucl.org/election/club-and-society-term-1-by-election>

³ <https://studentsunionucl.org/election/club-society-term-3-by-election>

⁴ These societies included: Gender and Feminism Society, Government and Politics Society, Board Games Society, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Club, SSEES Society, and Surgery and Interventional Sciences Society.

⁵ <https://studentsunionucl.org/election/leadership-race-2022>