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THE USU STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The University of Sydney prides itself on the vibrancy of The University of Sydney Experience. The USU's Student Leadership Program creates opportunities for exceptional students to have a greater participation in the development of the annual calendar of events.

The program offers you valuable benefits by providing leadership opportunities, work experience and management skills.



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BOARD DIRECTOR

The USU is governed by a Board of Student Directors elected by members of USU. If you want to make a real difference to the way that USU operates, you can run for a student position on our Board of Directors.

Nominations open on the first day of O-Week and close at the end of March. Elections are held in May each year.

COMMITTEES & FORUMS

If you are a members you are entitled to join a USU Committee. Committees put recommendations to the USU Board on issues specific to their area of interest.

The Committees are:

- + The Student Programs & Activities Committee (SPAC)
- + The Affiliated Sites Committee
- + The Clubs and Societies Committee
- + The Debates Committee

Meeting dates for Committees are posted online in *The Bull*. Members are welcome to attend most Committee Meetings.

Some committees have been converted into Public Forums to encourage greater student involvement. These are held approximately twice a semester. The following Forums are open to students to attend without any prior notice:

- + Cultural Diversity Forum
- + Postgraduate Forum
- + Women's Forum
- + Environment Forum
- + Queer Forum

The term of office for Committee Members is 1 January to 31 December each year. Committee nominations for 2009 open on the first day of Semester Two 2008, and close August 31, 2008.

CONVENORS

Convenors look after events relating to a particular theme or category. These positions offer you a real, practical experience in a supportive, professional environment.

The Convenor Positions are:

- + Environment Convenor
- + Public Issues Convenor
- + Post Grad Convenor
- + Queer Convenor/s
- + Women's Convenor
- + Multicultural Convenor
- + Revues Convenor
- + Indigenous Convenor
- + Debates Director

Applications for these positions are open on the first day of O-Week and close end of March each year.

CLUB & SOCIETY EXECUTIVES

Clubs and Societies are one of USU's flagship programs. This program provides unique opportunities for you to learn, gain experience, make friends and have fun. The C&S program gives a unique chance to gain experience in a friendly environment. Participants of this program gain an education that extends far beyond the classroom.

To find out more about Clubs and Societies go to www.usuonline.com/clubs

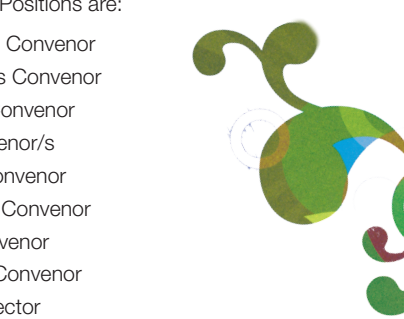
EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Every year, a group of student editors are appointed to edit USU publications: *The Bull*, *UR* and *Hermes*.

If you have an interest in the field of writing, journalism and/or communications, these roles provide training and mentoring which ensures you gain skills that are both practical and enjoyable.

You will assist USU to produce professional-quality publications, meet regular deadlines and work with experienced staff.

The Bull – USU's full-colour weekly magazine. Gives a weekly snapshot of what is happening on campus along with giveaways, student articles, Clubs and Societies event details, committee meetings, **ACCESS** card specials and more. Contributions can be submitted to thebull@usu.usyd.edu.au



Hermes – USU's annual literary journal. *Hermes* is Australia's oldest literary journal and thus has a long and proud history.

UR – This USU publication is released annually and is your University Year Book. Available at the end of Semester 2, it highlights events and activities that occurred throughout the year.

STUDENT GRAPHIC DESIGN

The Student Graphic Designer works as part of the Marketing and Communications Department. The successful applicant works with an experienced design team producing USU's promotional material and publications. Applications open in September for the following year.

VERGE ARTS FESTIVAL DIRECTOR

Verge Arts Festival is held in September and is designed to highlight and foster the creativity of this University. During the festival, campus comes alive with music, art, film and theatre.

Two student Directors are responsible for the direction and coordination of Verge. They call the shots on the extensive program of events and work with experienced staff to coordinate production and promotion of these events.

Applications open the first day of O-Week and close at the end of April each year.

O-WEEK DIRECTOR

Where else do you get the opportunity to run a festival valued at a quarter of a million dollars? The experience gained in dealing with everything from bumping in hundreds of stalls onto the hallowed lawns of the University, to dealing with security, choosing menus and negotiating with bands is one which is unique and memorable. Few people get the chance of leaving Uni with this kind of experience under their belt.

Applications open the first day of Semester 2 each year.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Careers Day Volunteer

Can't volunteer regularly? How about volunteering for just one day? Careers days are a great way to volunteer and work on youth programs without having to commit time each week. The careers days help Year 10 students from local high schools make important subject choices for Year 11 and 12.

Careers Day for Boys will be held on Friday 19 September.

Careers Day for Girls will be held on Friday 22 August.

SPOC Program Volunteer

USU understands that adjusting to University life can be difficult and knowing how to make the most out of your investment in a University education is sometimes hard, so we run a program to help new students settle into campus life.

Student Point of Contact (SPOC) volunteers coordinate activities during O-Week including campus bus tours and faculty tours. Returning students are welcome to join these programs.

Applications for 2009 SPOC positions open in September 2008.

School Tutoring Program Volunteer

The School Tutoring Program is a community program that began more than 20 years ago. The tutors are volunteers who donate one hour of their time once a week to help year 11 and 12 students, from local priority high schools prepare, for the HSC.

Tutoring takes place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons between 3:30 – 6.30pm for a minimum of one hour. Tutors pick the day and time which best suits them.

Applications are open all year round, contact volunteering@usu.usyd.edu.au for more information.

Australian Discussion Group Volunteer

The Australian Discussion Groups give international students studying at the University of Sydney a chance to make friends with local students and learn about Australian culture and way of life, while increasing their self-confidence in English.

For local students it gives you a chance to meet cool and interesting people from all around the world, learn different languages and help the international students attain a sense of belonging with the University community.

Applications are open all year round, contact volunteering@usu.usyd.edu.au for more information.

Youth Centre Partnership

The Partnership runs in conjunction with Erskineville Youth Centre. It is an extension of the School Tutoring Program. Volunteer tutors attend Tuesday afternoon homework sessions for a nominated hour from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and help any students that drop-in with their homework questions. Students are mixed and can range from 11 to 18 years old. It is varied volunteer work that is very rewarding.

Applications are open all year round, contact volunteering@usu.usyd.edu.au for more information.

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BOARD DIRECTOR Nominations open on the first day of O-Week and close at the end of March each year.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS Committee nominations for 2009 open on the first day of Semester Two 2008 and close August 31, 2009.

CONVENOR ROLES Applications open on the first day of Semester Two for 2009 positions.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES EXECUTIVES Opportunities available all year round.

THE BULL AND UR EDITOR Applications open in Week One, Semester Two (for the following year's position) and close in September.

HERMES EDITOR Applications open in Week One, Semester One and close mid April.

STUDENT GRAPHIC DESIGNER Applications open in September for 2009 position.

VERGE ARTS FESTIVAL DIRECTOR Nominations open on the first day of O-Week and close at the end of April each year.

O-WEEK DIRECTOR Applications open on the first day of Semester Two for 2009 position.

CAREER DAY VOLUNTEER Applications now open for 2008 Career Days.

SPOC PROGRAM VOLUNTEER Applications open in September for 2009 position.

SCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM VOLUNTEER Applications are open all year round.

AUSTRALIAN DISCUSSION GROUP VOLUNTEER Applications are open all year round.

YOUTH CENTRE PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTEER Applications are open all year round.

THE USU'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

- + Develops and fosters leadership skills of those in key positions within the USU's community.
- + Provides participants with programs and opportunities through which they gain a supplementary dimension to their tertiary education.
- + Creates a community within which participants can socialise and network.



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