

About volunteering with SUSU:

The Sustainability Faculty Officers work within their respective faculties to raise student concerns regarding faculty specific sustainability issues. They are responsible for gathering student feedback, liaising with their designated faculty staff contact, and lobbying the university as an individual or as a collective to engage in more sustainable practices.

In order to apply for the role, you must be a student within the relevant faculty. When applying you are confirming that you meet the eligibility criteria for the role.

We provide full training at the beginning of the year as well as advice and support as you continue in your role. You will gain a wealth of experience through your voluntary role with SUSU, experience that you can use to improve your future employability while receiving recognition for the work you accomplish.

Please note, as part of this role you will be awarded Student Member status of the University's [Sustainability and Resilience Institute \(SRI\)](#). You will become a member of the SRI Student Committee, providing input and feedback on the SRI's sustainability education and student experience programmes.

Main purpose of the role:

- 1) To liaise with students and university staff about sustainability issues.
- 2) To lobby your faculty and the wider university to engage in more sustainable practices.
- 3) To work together with SUSU Core staff and other Sustainability Faculty Officers on sustainability campaigns.

Main responsibilities of the role

To liaise with students and university staff about sustainability issues.

- *To seek out the views of students on sustainability matters.*
- *To publicise opportunities for students to get involved in sustainability opportunities (from the SRI and elsewhere) through your faculty communication channels.*
- *To attend faculty-specific and wider university sustainability meetings.*

To lobby your faculty and the wider university to engage in more sustainable practices.

- *To lobby your faculty to act on student feedback and ensure it functions in a sustainable manner.*
- *To work with other Student Officers, the Union President, and the SRI to ensure sustainable initiatives are being implemented across the university.*
- *To work alongside SUSU core staff in ensuring that the Union runs sustainably.*

Sustainability Faculty Officer Role Profile

To work together with SUSU Core staff and other Sustainability Faculty Officers on sustainability campaigns.

- *To attend meetings and forums organised by the Head of Sustainability, Union President, and the SRI Deputy Director (Education).*
- *To help the Head of Sustainability coordinate awareness campaigns around environmental issues that directly affect the university community.*
- *To assist in the development and execution of sustainability projects and events within the Union and the SUSU–SRI partnership.*

Where can you find guidance?

- *Sabbatical Officer: president@soton.ac.uk*
- *Representation Team: representation@soton.ac.uk*

How to nominate for the role:

In order to stand as a candidate, you will need to submit a short statement letting everyone know why they should vote for you. You don't need to have any previous experience so simply focus on what you will achieve if elected.

Log in to our website at www.susu.org/elections and fill out the nominations form. There is no need to create a new account, just use your University credentials.

For any queries about the election, please contact us at representation@soton.ac.uk.

Time Commitment and Expectations:

There will be times throughout the year where you may be called on to help promote and spread awareness of SUSU campaigns. There will be key meetings that you must attend throughout the year.

If at any point you find that you are struggling to balance voluntary work with your studies, we understand that your degree must come first. Please come and speak to us and we will always try our best to make things easier.

Term of office: 1st July – 30th June

Our Values

As an organisation, our values underpin our work and guide what we live by in order to achieve our mission:



Stand Strong

We stand up for students and make sure their voices are heard.

We stand strong when facing challenges and are not afraid to be different. We think big and work to achieve great things.



Join Together

We are an inclusive and diverse community of students and staff.

We join together with each other, the University, and the local community to make a positive difference.



Take Responsibility

We take action on the issues that matter to students and act with integrity.

We continually work to be more sustainable, challenging discrimination and prejudice. We strive to be a force for good for students and wider society.