President
Job Description

Salary: £19,305 (TBC by SU Council)

Purpose: To lead the Students’ Union in representing, campaigning for and serving the needs of students at the University of Sheffield. In particular, to:
• Lead and support the Officer team
• Oversee all external lobbying and student representation
• Be Chair of the Students’ Union Trustee Board

Dates: June 2019 to July 2020. Includes a weekend residential in late June 2019 as part of your induction.

Who can stand? Any current student (see full T&Cs for full details).

Other info: All elected officers also become Trustees of the SU. Candidates must meet criteria for trustees (e.g. not be bankrupt). See point 5 of the full T&Cs

Specific responsibilities

Lead and support the Officer team
• Manage the other 7 Officers, overseeing their work and supporting them to set, implement and review objectives.
• Oversee and coordinate shared responsibilities, including by organising and chairing meetings of the Officer team.

Oversee lobbying and student representation
• Oversee representation of student views and interests to the University and beyond.
• Oversee how the SU communicates with its student members.
• Liaise with senior managers about the planning of student services and activities.
• Organise and lead strong campaigns on issues affecting students.
• Oversee student elections and referenda, promoting democracy.
• Take steps to foster a student community which respects the diversity of its membership.
• Build and develop the SU’s relationship with the University and the city.
• Oversee the SU’s media relations.

Be Chair of the Students’ Union Trustee Board
• Ensure effective governance of the SU
• Be responsible for SU staffing and disciplinary matters.

Shared responsibilities (all officers):
• Be an active member of the Student Executive Committee (SEC), overseeing SU direction and student representation as a whole.
• Oversee SU policies and how they are turned into action.
• Campaign for the rights and interests of students, locally or nationally.
• Uphold the SU’s democratic processes, including by upholding decisions taken by Referenda and by reporting to SU Council on progress and key issues.
• Support and develop liberation access.