

NOTICE OF ACADEMIC BOARD STUDENT MEMBER ELECTIONS

The following positions are to be elected at the Monash Academic Board Elections as required by the Monash University (Council) Regulations:

Student Grouping	Number of vacancies to be filled
Monash University Australia	
Undergraduate Student Member	1
Coursework Graduate Student Member	1
Monash University Malaysia	
Monash University Malaysia Student Member	1

The term of office for these positions is 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2028.

These elections are conducted using optional preferential voting, and in accordance with the [Monash University Academic Board Election Procedure](#) and the [Monash University \(Council\) Regulations](#). You should also read the [Campaign Principles](#) prior to submitting your nomination.

The Academic Board is responsible for the maintenance of high standards in education and research and assists the University in ensuring the highest quality of its academic endeavours. Academic Board considers and approves academic policies, procedures and practices of Monash and enables meaningful participation from key stakeholders across the University. Elected members add significant value by contributing broad experience and perspectives to Academic Board and are essential in ensuring the academic quality of the University.

Nominations and Eligibility

A candidate must be eligible as per the following stipulations as outlined in the [Academic Board - Election Procedure](#).

Election eligibility for Academic Board

4.2 To be eligible as an undergraduate student member of Monash University Australia under regulation 12(1)(c)(iv) of the Regulations, a person must:

- (a) during the calendar year in which the election is held either:
 - (i) be enrolled at an Australian campus or Australian teaching location at no less than 0.5 equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL); or
 - (ii) been granted an intermission from a course of study at an Australian campus or Australian teaching location pursuant to regulation 70 of the Regulations; or
 - (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii); and
- (b) if also an employee of the University, not hold a continuing or fixed-term appointment exceeding 0.5 equivalent full-time (EFT).

4.3 To be eligible as a coursework graduate student member or higher degree by research student member of Monash University Australia under regulation 12(1)(c)(v) or (vi) as applicable of the Regulations a person must:

- (a) (i) be enrolled at an Australian campus or Australian teaching location at no less than 0.5 equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL or equivalent); or
- (ii) be granted an intermission from a course of study at an Australian campus or Australian teaching location pursuant to regulation 70 of the Regulations; or
- (iii) a combination of (i) and (ii); and
- (b) if also an employee of the University, not hold a continuing or fixed-term appointment exceeding 0.5 equivalent full-time (EFT).

4.7 To be eligible for election as a student member for Monash University Malaysia under regulation 12(1)(c)(vii) of the Regulations, a person must meet the relevant criteria in paragraphs 4.2 or 4.3 above as an undergraduate student, coursework graduate student or higher degree by research student, and replacing any reference to:

- (a) 'the University' with 'Monash University Malaysia' and
- (b) 'Australia' and 'Australian' with 'Malaysia' and 'Malaysian'.

4.8 Where a student is eligible for election as a student member under paragraph 4.7, above, that person is not eligible for election under paragraphs 4.2 or 4.3 above.

Candidates will need to submit nomination forms with the support of 5 people qualified to vote in the election in which the candidate is nominating for. The details and signatures of the people supporting a candidate's nomination can either be provided on the nomination form which is available on the [Academic Board Elections Webpage](#), or emailed individually to the Returning Officer from the verified Monash email account of the student supporting the nomination.

The detailed timeline of the election process is available on the Academic Board Elections webpage. Nominations open at 9.00am on Tuesday 15 September and close at 5.00pm on Thursday 24 September. Candidates may withdraw their nomination at any time until the close of polling. All times listed are local time, being AEST for Monash Australia and MYT for Monash University Malaysia.

Candidate Statements

Candidates may submit supporting statements of up to 250 words with their nomination. Statements submitted after the close of nominations will not be accepted.

Copies of the regulations governing the election are available via the Academic Board Elections webpage.

Voting

If more valid nominations are received than the number of vacancies for any position, a ballot will be conducted by electronic voting. Eligible voters will be able to vote online through a voting link sent to their university email address. Polling for the Monash Academic Board elections will be open from Tuesday 6 October until polls close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 14 October.

Electoral Tribunal

The appointed Electoral Tribunal Member for these elections is Barrister Tony Lang (lang@vicbar.com.au). The Electoral Tribunal has the power to hear and determine an appeal against a determination or decision of the Returning Officer in respect of the election or the result of an election. An appeal must be lodged within 24 hours after the relevant determination or

decision of the Returning Officer or, in the case of an appeal against the result of the election, the declaration of the result of the election. Any appeal must go directly to the Electoral Tribunal member for decision.

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