



2026 University Council Elections

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The following positions are to be elected to Monash University Council:

- One student member; and
- One staff member

The successful candidates will hold office for a two-year term commencing 1 November 2026.

Eligibility to stand

In order to be eligible to stand for election for the position of student member of Council, a student must, during the calendar year of 2026, either:

- have been enrolled at an Australian campus of Monash University at no less than 0.5 equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL); or
- have been granted an intermission from a course of study at an Australian campus of the University pursuant to regulation 70 of the *Monash University (Council) Regulations*; or
- a combination of (i) and (ii); and; if the student is also an employee of the University, they must not hold a continuing or fixed-term appointment exceeding 0.5 equivalent full-time (EFT); and
- be a fit and proper person.

In order to be eligible to stand for the position of staff member of Council a person must, at all times during the period of twelve months until 1 November 2026, be employed by the University and hold a continuing or fixed-term appointment of at least 0.5 EFT, reside in Australia, and be a fit and proper person.

Nominations

Nominations open at 10.00am (AEST) on Monday 10 August and close at 5.00pm (AEST) on Tuesday 18 August.

Staff and students interested in nominating for these positions can do so by completing the Nomination form available at the University Council Election page, <https://www.monash.edu/execserv/council/university-council-elections/>

When completing the Nomination Form, staff will require five other staff members who are eligible to vote to nominate them, and students will require five other students who are eligible to vote to nominate them.

Eligibility to vote

All students are eligible to vote for the election of the student member of Council, except for persons who:

- are enrolled at the University in non-award study or in one or more units of study that do not form part of a course of study;
- are pursuing a course of study or unit of study at the University through an exchange or study program or other arrangement between the University and another educational institution;
- have deferred enrolment in a course of study;
- have completed a course of study but on or to whom the relevant degree or award has not been conferred or awarded;
- are enrolled in one or more units of study which do not lead to an award of the University; and
- are enrolled in a course of study leading to an Associate Degree or Diploma.

All members of staff are eligible to vote at an election of a staff member, provided they are a member of staff at the date on which the electoral roll is prepared for that election.

Voting

If more than one nomination is received for each position, voting will be open from 10.00am (AEST) on Tuesday 25 August and close at 5.00pm (AEST) on Tuesday 1 September.

Voting for this election will use the optional preferential system of voting and the ballots will be conducted by electronic voting through a secure online voting platform.

Conduct for the election

Copies of the Regulations, University Council Resolution on the Council Election and Campaign Principles governing the election are available via the Council Elections webpage:

<https://www.monash.edu/execserv/council/university-council-elections/>

Complaints regarding conduct are to be brought to the Returning Officer, with an Election Tribunal hearing any referred cases of misconduct or appeals as per the University Council Resolution on the Council Election. The Tribunal member is Anthony Lang 0411 257 540, lang@vicbar.com.au)

Candidate Statements

Candidates may also supply a candidate statement of up to 250 words, preferably with their nomination. Please note that this statement will be published on the [Council election website](#).

Candidate statements must be submitted by 5.00pm (AEST) Tuesday, 18 August 2026.

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