

**University of Melbourne Graduate Student
Association Inc.
(GSA)**

**Regulations for Representative Council
Composition and Eligibility**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 Pursuant to rule 7.4 of GSA's Constitution, the GSA Board may make, alter or repeal Regulations (other than Electoral Regulations) concerning any matter in furtherance of its Principal Purpose.
- 1.2 The GSA Board establishes by these Regulations, requirements for the Representative Council:
 - a) the composition of Representative Council; and
 - b) the qualifications and/or eligibility requirements for Representative Councillor's representing particular constituencies.
- 1.3 These Regulations should be read in conjunction with GSA's Constitution.
- 1.4 In the event that there is an inconsistency between the Constitution and these Regulations, the Constitution will prevail to the extent of the inconsistency.
- 1.5 Words or expressions defined in the Constitution have the same meaning or effect as set out in the Constitution, unless the context otherwise requires.
- 1.6 "Rule or Rules" means a rule or rules within GSA's Constitution.
- 1.7 "Electoral Regulation" means a Regulation within GSA's Electoral Regulations.

2. Composition of Representative Council

- 2.1 The Representative Council is a standing subcommittee of the GSA Board.
- 2.2 The Representative Council will consist of at least eight and up to fifteen Representative Councillors. (Rule 9.6 (a) of GSA's Constitution).
- 2.3 In accordance with rule 9.6 of the Constitution, the Representative Council will consist of up to 15 Representative Councillors, including at least eight Representative Councillors, as determined annually by the GSA Board. (Rule 6.2 of GSA's Electoral Regulations).
- 2.4 The GSA board determines the following representative council roles for 2024/2025 term to be elected in the 2024 general elections.
 - Activities Officer
 - Women's Officer
 - International Officer
 - Health and Welfare Officer
 - Families Officer
 - Queer Officer
 - Education (Coursework) Officer
 - Education (Research) Officer
 - First Nations Officer
 - Environment and Sustainability Officer
 - Disability and Equity Officer
 - Southbank Officer

3. Eligibility Requirements for Representative Councillors

- 3.1 The GSA Board may, by Regulation, set qualifications and/or eligibility requirements for Representative Councillor's representing particular constituencies. (Rule 9.7 (b) of GSA's

Constitution).

- 3.2 In accordance with rule 9.7(b) of the Constitution, the GSA Board may, by Regulation, set additional qualifications and/or eligibility criteria for Representative Councillors who represent particular constituencies. (Rule 2.7 (a) of GSA's Electoral Regulations).
- 3.3 The representative councillor positions that will have additional eligibility requirements set in place will be stated as restricted constituencies.
- 3.4 Restricted constituencies refer to eligibility requirements for those representative councillor positions who identify as being part of that constituency and are eligible to nominate and stand for that officer role at elections.
- 3.5 The GSA board has set the following restricted eligibility requirements:
 - Women's Officer – those who identify as a woman.
 - International Officer – those who are enrolled as an international student.
 - Families Officer – those who identify as student parents or those with caring responsibilities.
 - Queer Officer – those who identify as Queer, including, but not limited to, being same-sex attracted, homosexual, bisexual, pansexual, asexual, intersex, trans, non-binary, or sex and/or gender diverse.
 - Education (Coursework) Officer – those who are enrolled in a graduate coursework program, as defined by the University of Melbourne.
 - Education (Research) Officer – those who are enrolled in a higher degree by research program, as defined by the University of Melbourne.
 - First Nations Officer – those who are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.
 - Disability and Equity Officer – those with long-term physical, intellectual, psychiatric, sensory, neurological, learning disabilities as well as persistent chronic illnesses.
 - Southbank Officer – those who are primarily based at the Southbank campus.