

VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC

APPLYING

This is an elected role. To apply for the role head to our Student Elections webpage (hwunion.com/elections) and complete the questionnaire. If you haven't completed the questionnaire by the 12th February, you will be automatically removed from the election.

SALARY

[TBC]

HOURS

This is a full-time job, working 35 hours per week. Your working hours will vary based on what's needed, but we wouldn't expect you to work in excess of these hours.

SELECTION PROCESS

Students choose who leads the Union, so instead of an interview, you will run a campus-wide campaign to be elected into the role! There is plenty of support available from Student Union staff to support you with this, and it's brilliant experience.

LET'S TELL YOU MORE ABOUT THE ROLE...

ROLE OVERVIEW

Are you ready to shape the academic future of Heriot-Watt University students? As Vice President Academic, you'll be the driving force behind ensuring that every student's academic experience is the best it can be. You'll represent undergraduate and postgraduate students, work closely with a network of over 250 class

representatives, and collaborate with University staff to implement student-focused policies and improvements.

This is an elected, full-time role starting on May 19th, 2025, for one year. Whether you're passionate about education policy or simply care about making a difference, this role is an incredible opportunity to lead, influence, and leave a lasting legacy.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- **Represent Students:** Advocate for students on all academic issues, ensuring their voices are heard and acted on.
- **Support Academic Reps:** Empower around 250 class reps and 27 Department Officers to be effective advocates for their peers.
- **Shape Academic Policy:** Analyse and respond to academic policies, ensuring they reflect the needs and interests of students.
- **Leverage Data for Change:** Use feedback, surveys, and data to identify trends and create evidence-based solutions.
- **Drive Academic Enhancement:** Lead initiatives to improve learning, teaching, and the overall academic experience for students.
- **Build Connections:** Represent students in high-level University committee meetings, fostering relationships and driving change.

YOUR SUPERPOWERS

- **Passion for Education:** You care deeply about improving the learning and teaching experience for students.
- **Analytical Thinker:** You enjoy diving into data, policies, and surveys to understand challenges and find solutions.
- **Confident Communicator:** You're comfortable speaking up and advocating for others in meetings and discussions.
- **Team Builder:** You thrive in collaborative environments and can inspire large teams of student representatives.
- **No Experience Needed:** What matters most is your enthusiasm and willingness to learn.

WHY JOIN US?

- **Make a Difference:** Shape academic life at Heriot-Watt and create lasting change for students.
- **Great Benefits:** Receive a salary of [TBC], 28 days of paid holiday, and comprehensive training and support.
- **Incredible Team:** Collaborate with a dynamic group of students and staff who share your vision.
- **Lasting Impact:** Build leadership skills, gain experience, and make a tangible difference in the academic journey of thousands of students.

IS THIS THE ROLE FOR YOU?

Ask yourself:

- Am I passionate about improving academic life for students?
- Do I enjoy analysing data and policies to make informed decisions?
- Can I represent students confidently in high-level discussions?
- Do I thrive on working with others, especially large teams?
- Am I ready to lead on initiatives that make a real impact?

If you answered yes, we'd love to see you stand for election!

READY TO LEAD?

Submit your nomination and start campaigning. If elected, your journey begins on May 19th, 2025. Not sure if it's for you? Reach out to elections@hwunion.com for more information.

Take this opportunity to lead, influence academic policy, and make Heriot-Watt an even better place to learn.