**Board Member Application**

On behalf of everyone here at University College Birmingham Guild of Students, thank you so much for your interest in being part of our Board of Trustees. We know having students involved at every level of UCB is crucial to the student experience, and its just the same when it comes to the Guild of Students.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what you would bring to our board. We want to know what motivates you and how you think about the Guild of Students so that we can help to create an excellent experience for you and all students!

Thank you again for your interest in our work and for taking the time to complete this application. We look forward to speaking with you soon, and if you have any questions just get in touch with one of us!

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| **Alpha Jallow** President 2020-21  a.jallow@ucb.ac.uk | **Alice Young** President 2021-22  a.young@ucb.ac.uk |

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Student ID Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mobile Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

*Past and Present Membership*Please detail volunteering or leadership roles you have undertaken in support of others – this could be in a society or as a Course Rep; as part of your local community; religious or political volunteering, social or recreational such as a sports team or any other example

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| **Organisation** | **Role/Title** | **Date of Service** |
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**WHY ARE YOU APPLYING?**   
Why are you interested in being a Trustee of the Guild of Students? What is it about the Guild that has made you want to apply, and why are you interested in applying based on the experience and benefit it brings to you too?

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**OUR WORK**   
What excites you about your current studying, and the work you hope to do in the future?

Click or tap here to enter text.

What do you see as 1-2 challenges and 1-2 opportunities for the Guild of Students in the next few years?

Challenges:

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Opportunities:

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**DEVELOPING YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERTISE**We know that our students have a huge range of reasons they are interested in being involved in the Board. We don’t expect our Student Trustees to bring any existing experience but we do want them to have the opportunity to develop skills while they are with us. Please tick the top 3 areas you would be interested in developing your skills in through being on the Board.

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| Public Relations |  | Reading & understanding budgets and balance sheets |  | Public speaking & presentations |  |
| Legal knowledge of Charities |  | Student representation |  | Charity management |  |
| Event planning |  | HR/administration |  | Strategic planning |  |
| Strategic communications |  | Commercial management |  | Financial management |  |
| Fundraising |  | Grant and bid writing |  | Risk management |  |

**ATTRIBUTES**   
We are looking to create a board that is more than a collection of individuals, and instead one that works well together as a team. As such, the personality you bring to the board will help us to ensure that we have a diversity of styles and traits amongst our board members. None of the following options are right or wrong!

Please tick the top 5 attributes that you believe apply to you:

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|  | Collaborative |
|  | Respectful of varying points of view |
|  | Willing and able to lead a discussion |
|  | Facilitative style |
|  | Enthusiastic |
|  | Comfortable speaking in front of groups |
|  | Manages time well |
|  | People-oriented |
|  | Details-oriented |
|  | Optimistic |
|  | Good sense of humour |
|  | Able to ask tough questions with care and respect |

**TIME**  
Serving on a board requires some commitment of time and energy. We estimate that being involved in the board will involve a time commitment of 5 to 6 hours each month. In addition, we ask that you are able to attend 4 board meetings lasting an afternoon each across the year, and commit to at least one board subcommittee which will likely meet 4 times a year also.

Do you have any concerns about this level of commitment? If so, how can we support you to manage conflicting demands on your time?

Click or tap here to enter text.

**OTHER**Did someone recommend you apply to join the board? If so, who?  
Click or tap here to enter text.

**REFERENCES**

Please identify two people from UCB – they can be staff in the University or the Guild or students - that can tell us why you’re great!

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| **Name** | **Relationship** | **Best Contact** |
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**SUBMITTING YOUR FORM**  
Please return this form to Sarah Kerton, Guild Director, at s.kerton@ucb.ac.uk