**Board Member Application**

On behalf of everyone here at University College Birmingham Guild of Students, thank you so much for your interest in serving on our Board of Trustees. We know that there are a huge number of fantastic organisations that you could look to volunteer your time to support, so we are really appreciative that you are interested in us.

The following application offers us an opportunity to know more about you, your skills, attributes and what you would bring to our board. It also gives you a sense of what matters to us in any board candidate. The goal of our process is to determine if we are a good fit for each other. We are interested in your level of commitment and ability to deliver on our expectations, so that we are confident that you can help us to increase the scope and impact of our work. On the other side, 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 board experience for you.

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.

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| **Alpha Jallow**President 2020-21 | **Alice Young**President2021-22 |

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Address: 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 any boards, committees, task forces or other leadership roles you have undertaken in support of others – this could be in business or your local community, religious or political volunteering, social or recreational such as a sports team or part of school or academic life, like school council or a course rep.

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| **Organisation** | **Role/Title** | **Date of Service** |
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*Other Volunteer Experience*

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**WHY?**
We are very appreciative of your interest in the Guild of Students and would like to hear more. Why our organisation and not any other? Please share your motivation and what it is about our work that has led you to apply to join our board.

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**OUR WORK**
What excites you about the work you currently do?

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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**SKILLS / EXPERTISE**Please mark the skills and expertise you will bring to us that will strengthen our board and enhance the ability of the Guild of Students to deliver its goals.

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| Public Relations |[ ]  Reading & understanding budgets and balance sheets |[ ]  Public speaking & presentations |[ ]
| Legal expertise |[ ]  Student representation |[ ]  Charity management |[ ]
| Event planning |[ ]  HR/administration |[ ]  Strategic planning |[ ]
| Social media |[ ]  Commercial management |[ ]  Web design |[ ]
| Fundraising |[ ]  Grant and bid writing |[ ]  Sports development |[ ]
| Accounting |[ ]  Public policy/advocacy |[ ]  Marketing |[ ]

**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?
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Please identify at least two references we can speak with:

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| **Name** | **Relationship** | **Best Contact** |
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**CV**
Please return this form with your most recent CV to Sarah Kerton, Guild Director, at s.kerton@ucb.ac.uk