



**Subject:** Election of Student Member (undergraduate or postgraduate) by and from the Students of the University to the Council of James Cook University – Call for Nominations

**Action required:** Nominations to be submitted no later than Friday 1 March 2024 at 4.00 pm

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**To:** JCU Students Australia (excluding JCU Singapore and JCU Brisbane)

**From:** The Returning Officer

**Approved by:** University Secretary

**Date:** 16 February 2024

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Dear JCU Students,

Notice is hereby given that an Election by electronic ballot of one (1) Student member (undergraduate or postgraduate) by and from the students of the University to the Council of James Cook University will be conducted between Friday 22uan Eleco2024

**Nominations close on Friday 1 March 2024 at 4.00 pm.** The Declaration Date for the election is Tuesday 9 April 2024.

The election will be conducted in accordance with the [Conduct of Council Elections Policy](#) and the [Conduct of Council Elections Procedure](#).

The elected Student member on the Council of James Cook University is elected for a period of two (2) years, commencing 20 April 2024.

The [James Cook University Act 1997 \(Qld\)](#) requires all Council members to undergo a series of checks, including a criminal history check, to confirm their eligib1 rg89.28 253.96(ei)1 i J a un  
*Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000.*

Council is the governing body of the University and consists of 16 members including official, appointed and elected members. The primary governance role of Council is to oversee the affairs of the University and, in so doing, to ensure that the appropriate structures, policies, processes and planning are in place for JCU to manage its activities effectively and achieve its goals. Council is also responsible for setting and reviewing the strategic direction of the University, as outlined in the [Corporate Strategy](#) and is not involved in management decisions.

The Council is chaired by the [Chancellor](#), who is elected to the position by the members of Council.

Potential candidates are reminded that, in accordance with governance best practice and section 3 of the [Voluntary Code of Best Practice for the Governance of Australian Public Universities](#), which JCU subscribes to and complies with, Council members serve in a personal capacity as individuals and are not representatives of particular bodies, organisations or constituencies.

This means that an elected Student member does not represent the University's Students but has been elected from that constituency in accordance with the Council membership requirements of the [James Cook University Act 1997 \(Qld\)](#). Members, whether appointed or elected, are not to act as delegates speaking for and reporting back to a particular constituency.

Council members have an overriding responsibility to act collectively and are expected and encouraged to be concerned with all Council issues.

The duties of members include requirements to:

- a) act always in the best interests of the University as a whole, with this obligation to be observed in priority to any duty a member may owe to those electing or appointing them;
- b) act in good faith, honestly and for a proper purpose;
- c) exercise appropriate care and diligence;
- d) not improperly use their position to gain an advantage for themselves or someone else; and
- e) disclose and avoid conflicts of interest (with appropriate procedures for that purpose similar to those fo

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