

# MĀNGAI TĀURA | UCSA POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE EXECUTIVE MEMBER

**Date of effect:** This part time position shall start on the 1<sup>st</sup> January of each calendar year and finish on the 31<sup>st</sup> December.

## **General:**

UCSA is the University of Canterbury Students' Association Incorporated. Established in 1894, the UCSA is a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status. Fourteen elected student representatives govern UCSA with the support and guidance of external advisors via an Advisory Board. At times the UCSA employs over 350 full-time, part time and casual staff who report through a Manahautū | Chief Executive. We offer the diversity to reflect the many services that students have initiated to ensure that the university experience for students at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | the University of Canterbury is all that it can be.

## **TIROHANGA WHĀNUI | OUR VISION**

We are here for students.

## **WHAKATAKANGA | OUR MISSION**

Helping students succeed and belong.

## **MĀNGAI TĀURA | POSTGRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE'S ROLE AND OBLIGATIONS**

### **Position:**

The Māngai Tāura | Postgraduate student representative will represent postgraduate students as well as hold responsibilities and portfolios allocated by the Tumuaki | President based on the incumbent's strengths. This position is open to postgraduate students only.

### **Whāinga Matua | Primary objective(s):**

- To ensure that all student voices are heard and represented with a specific focus on postgraduate students
- Represent the interests of students as part of the governing body of the UCSA

### **Whaiwhakaarotia | Accountable to:**

Tumuaki | UCSA President, Fellow UCSA Student Executive, UCSA Student Members

### **Time commitments and honorarium:**

As per the Constitution, this role is a part time position of approximately 20 hours per week. It is acknowledged that hours will vary between term time and non-term time. Regarding honorarium payments, refer to the UCSA Executive Honorarium Policy found on the UCSA website.

### **Ngā Hononga | Relationship with:**

All UCSA Executive Members, Manahautū | UCSA Chief Executive, UCSA Advisory Board, UCSA Senior Leadership Team and staff, Postgraduate Students' Association

(PGSA), UCSA Postgraduate Student Advisory Group (PGAG), Tumu Whakarae | UC Vice-Chancellor and Te Ohu Whakahaere | Senior Management Team and relevant staff in particular those from Te Kura Tāura | UC Graduate School including the UC Dean of Postgraduate Research and Academic Skills Centre, Tumu Kaunihera | UC Chancellor and Te Kaunihera o Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | UC Council, affiliated clubs and societies, students at UC, a variety of external stakeholders.

**Mahi, Haepapa me ngā Hua | Duties, Responsibilities and Expected Outcomes:**

	<b>Mahi, Haepapa me ngā Hua   Duties and responsibilities</b>	<b>Ngā Hua kei te Haere Expected Outcomes</b>
1	Representation on relevant UCSA committees	Attendance at UCSA committees as appointed. Apologies must be forwarded and acknowledged with as much notice as possible when attendance is not possible.  Attendance at Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings and other official meetings of the student body as required.
2	Representation on relevant University committees/boards, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Postgraduate Committee</li> <li>• Research Committee</li> <li>• Library Committee</li> </ul> Other committees as appointed	Attendance at committees/boards as appointed. Apologies must be forwarded and acknowledged with as much notice as possible when attendance is not possible.  Reports on these meetings and on any issues of concern are to be brought to the attention of the Executive as soon as possible.
3	Chair or attend the UCSA Postgraduate Student Advisory Group (PGAG)	Reports on these meetings and any issues of concern are to be brought to the attention of the Executive as soon as possible.
4	Keep postgraduate students updated on relevant information	Feedback, reports and communication to postgraduate students takes place on a regular basis via various UCSA communication channels
5	Establish goals and objectives at the beginning of the portfolio term in conjunction with the Tumuaki   President and Tumuaki Tuarua Akoranga   Vice-President - Academic and Tumuaki Tuarua Pāhekoheko   Vice-President -	Goals and objectives are achieved in line with agreed plans and timetables.

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	Engagement work to achieve those goals	
6	Regular updates to the Tumuaki   President and Tumuaki Tuarua Akoranga   Vice-President – Academic and Tumuaki Tuarua Pāhekoheko   Vice-President – Engagement regarding the progress made towards achieving the goals set at the beginning of the portfolio term	Reporting to these goals and objectives as frequently as agreed to by the Executive.
7	Attend the Executive induction in February.	Proactively take part in all aspects of the induction.
8	Carry out duties which may be reasonably required by the Tumuaki   President from time to time	Carry out these duties when required.
9	Promote the wellbeing of students.	Initiate engagement initiatives that relate to wellbeing issues relevant to a range of students at that time.  Work with UC and UCSA staff to deliver key wellbeing messaging.
10	Take all practical steps to ensure their own and others health and safety at a governance level by proactively managing self-awareness of Health and Safety in the workplace.  Undertake Health and Safety observations and conversations when required.	All Executive members and staff remain safe and healthy in the workplace.  Health and Safety observations and conversations are undertaken in a thorough and timely manner.
11	Be visible and accessible to the student body as required.	Maintain regular office hours.
12	Review any relevant UCSA Governance Policies at the beginning of the term that relates to the UCSA Member's designated portfolio. Advise the Tumuaki Tuarua Akoranga   Vice-President – Academic of	Carry out these duties when required.

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	any immediately obvious changes or updates required.	
13	Train the Māngai Tāura   Postgraduate Representative-Elect, as well as updating the Māngai Tāura   Postgraduate Representative Student Handover document to ensure a smooth transition period.	Handover is professional and meets the needs of the incoming Māngai Tāura   Postgraduate Representative Executive member.

#### **Me whakaoti i mua | Prerequisites:**

- Enrolled as a student at Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha | University of Canterbury at the time of election and postgraduate student during their term as a UCSA Postgraduate Representative Executive Member
- Enrolled as a member of the UCSA at the time of election and has not waived their rights

#### **Āhuatanga ngaio | Professional attributes:**

- Knowledge and understanding of the needs of postgraduate students
- Knowledge and understanding of the services offered by the UCSA

#### **Āhuatanga tangata | Personal attributes:**

- Ability to represent divergence of views constructively
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Friendly and approachable
- Honest and reliable
- Empathetic to the needs of diverse range of students
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Ability to conduct their self in a positive and professional manner at all times
- Ability to effectively operate basic computer programmes
- Ability to prioritise, multitask and work under pressure
- Self-motivated, proactive with excellent time management skills
- Attention to detail and ability to receive and act on instructions delegated down

#### **Ngā Haepapa Oranga Tangata | Health & Safety Responsibilities – As a Director/Officer of the UCSA**

1. Ensure that the UCSA has the relevant systems and processes in place to comply with the Health and Safety legislation as per Director requirements.
2. Encourage a culture of continuous improvement and transparent, no blame reporting.
3. Undertake Health and Safety Conversations/Observations as determined by the Tumuaki | President and Manahautū | Chief Executive.

**Waitohua | Signed:**

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**Incoming Māngai Tāura |  
Postgraduate Rep Executive's  
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**Incoming Māngai Tāwāhi |  
Postgraduate Rep Executive's name**

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**Incoming Tumuaki | President's  
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