

Postgraduate research student representation

Being a Postgraduate Research Student Representative (PGR Rep)

PGR Reps volunteer their time to help make university life the best it can be by collecting feedback from their PGR colleagues and sharing it with the university via their faculty and University's Research Degree Committee, and SUBU via SimOn.

What is their role?

PGR Reps should:

- **Collect** feedback about **ALL** PGR issues impacting the student experience
- **Represent** the collated student views at their Faculty Research Degree Committees and work with staff to create positive change
- **Share** with their PGRs and SUBU what's happened as a result of giving this feedback.



Why become a PGR Rep?

- Gain transferable skills like public speaking, diplomacy, leadership, and more
- Capture these skills on your CV
- Have a real impact on the student experience at BU
- Have fun and make friends along the way
- Full training before you start
- ...and a free hoodie.

Who are the PGR Reps?

There should be a minimum of one PGR Rep per department to represent the views of PGRs in their department throughout the year. PGR Reps will sit on their Faculty Research Degree Committee. Collectively, the PGR Reps will meet six times per year as the **PGR Rep Committee**, to be chaired by an elected chairperson, to identify key themes to discuss at the University Research Degree Committee. You can find a list of current PGR Reps via the Doctoral College Brightspace unit.

<https://brightspace.bournemouth.ac.uk/d2l/home/25416>

The election process

The PGR Rep election process will mirror the central SUBU Rep election process and will take place in October annually. A call will be made for those interested in becoming PGR Reps to nominate themselves.

If there is more than one nomination per department, a virtual election will be held.



Where should my feedback go?

Feedback can be both positive and negative and ideally should be solution-orientated where required.

1. Feedback relating to a single PGR should be discussed with the Supervisory Team in the first instance or highlighted to the Head of Department or PGR Lead via the PGR
2. Feedback relating to a number of PGRs in a department or faculty should be discussed with the Head of Department in the first instance or highlighted to the Deputy Dean for Research and Professional Practice at the Faculty Research Degree Committee via the PGR Reps
3. Feedback relating to PGRs across faculties should be discussed with the Doctoral College Academic Managers and at the University Research Degree Committee via the chairperson of the PGR Reps
4. PGR Reps are responsible for sharing what's happened as a result of giving this feedback with their PGRs and SUBU.

If you are unsure where your feedback should be directed you can contact SUBU.