

Postgraduate Representation in Trinity

Matt Murtagh – *Postgraduate Representative to the University Board*

How does postgraduate representation work in Trinity?

Until recently, two representative bodies in Trinity:



TCD Students
Union (TCDSU)



TCD Graduate Students
Union (GSU)

However, in 2021, the college took the decision to dissolve the GSU

How does postgraduate representation work in Trinity?

- TCDSU given the mandate to:
 - Propose a system for postgraduate representation in TCD going forward
 - Represent postgraduates during the interim period
 - Elect postgraduates (such as me) directly into college representative positions
- You might still see references to the GSU in college – but know that it is now defunct

What services does TCDSU provide?

- TCDSU has three executive officers of relevance to postgraduates:



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Who are the postgraduate representatives?

- **University Board** Matt Murtagh-White (mmurtagh@tcd.ie)
- **University Council** Conor Reddy (reddyco@tcd.ie) and Oran Cassidy
- **Graduate Studies Committee** Viktor Jelen (jelenv@tcd.ie) and Almudena Moreno Borrallo (amorenob@tcd.ie)
- **Coiste na Gaeilge** Ciara Ní Mhurchú (cmurph60@tcd.ie)
- **Equality Committee** Louisa Roos
- **Estates Policy Committee** Matt Murtagh-White (mmurtagh@tcd.ie)
- **Library & Information Policy Committee** Samantha Sink (sinks@tcd.ie)
- **Quality Committee** Shashwat Khandelwal (khandels@tcd.ie)
- **Student Life** Matt Murtagh-White (mmurtagh@tcd.ie) and Claudia Peroni

Look after yourself

- Doing a Postgraduate degree is not easy
- These services are **free** to all TCD students:
 - College Counselling: https://www.tcd.ie/Student_Counselling/
 - College Health: <https://www.tcd.ie/collegehealth/>
 - Postgraduate Assistance Fund: <https://www.tcd.ie/seniortutor/students/postgraduate/financial-assistance/>
 - Student Learning Development <https://student-learning.tcd.ie/>

How to get involved?

- Elections coming at the end of September
- You can run for:
 - Class representatives
 - Any of the college positions in the previous slide
- I strongly recommend running for these positions and getting involved

For the attention of PhDs and Research Masters

- Postgraduate Workers Organisation (PWO) active at Trinity
- Advocates for better conditions and funding for postgraduate researchers at local and national level



Any Questions?