

Volunteer Role: Deputy Postgraduate Research (PGR) Rep

Role Purpose:

To represent and act as the voice for all Postgraduate Research (PGR) students within your academic school and to feedback key issues that affect the research student experience to both the University and GCU Students' Association. Deputise for the PGR Lead Rep.

Role Activities:

- To deputise for the PGR Lead Rep, when required.
- Attend and take an active part in School Board, School Research Committee and any other sub committees, as required, contributing student feedback and representing students' interests.
- Attend and contribute to discussions and consultations at Student Action Group for Engagement (SAGE).
- Attend and contribute to discussions at Academic Rep Gatherings.
- Contribute to the PGR Student Rep written report produced for Student Voice in Trimester 1 and 2.
- Work with the PGR Lead Rep to liaise with the research students within your academic school to identify key areas for improvement within the student experience and raise any identified issues to the Dean, Vice Dean or Associate Dean Research and/or the Graduate School.
- Let the research students within your academic school and the Students' Association know the outcome of any issues raised.
- Seek support from the Vice President with the research policy area with any issues raised that have not been resolved.

Role Benefits:

In your role you will have the opportunity to:

- Develop advocacy, representation and leadership skills.
- Make a positive difference to the student experience for fellow students within your academic school.
- Help shape policy within the Students' Association and the University.
- Network and meet new people.
- Receive £150 expenses in each Trimester.

Support and Training:

To help you in your role we will provide training and support:

- Induction and ongoing training.
- Take part in the GCU Students' Association Student Leaders Programme
- Support from within the Students' Association from the Academic Rep Co-ordinator and the Vice President with the research policy area.
- Support from the academic staff within your school and within the Graduate School.

Eligibility:

To be a Deputy PGR Rep you must be a current GCU student and must be a research student within the academic school that you represent. This is an appointed position as an academic rep for Trimester 1, 2 and 3.

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