

NOMINATION FORM FOR PART-TIME ADVOCACY OFFICER

Completed nomination form must be submitted by 2:00pm on Thursday 12th March. The form can be returned to the box at the MISU Information & Services Desk (Limerick), MISU Office (Thurles), or a scanned copy of the full nomination paperwork can be emailed to returningofficer@misu.ie

This is the sole responsibility of the candidate. Nomination forms will not be accepted after 02:00pm on this date.

Your Details

Name

Student ID Number

Email

Phone Number

Do you require permission to work in Ireland?

Yes

No

If yes, please provide details i.e., category of stamp / visa:

A candidate elected to a part-time Advocacy Officer Roles must be eligible to work under an Irish contract of employment on a part-time basis for the full duration of the contract of employment.

Declaration

If elected, I will be available to work part-time from Monday 24th August 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026 and from Monday 18th January 2027 to Friday 14th May 2027.
(dates subject to change in line with MIC'S 2026/27 Academic Calendar)

At the close of nominations, I hold the required work permit / visa to work part-time (up to 15 hours per week) uninterrupted for the full term of office.

I understand that if my nomination form is deemed invalid by the Returning Officer that I will not be able to stand as a candidate in the MISU Elections. This decision is final and is not subject to an appeal.

I have read the MISU Elections Regulations and agree to adhere to these Regulations.

Candidate's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Additional Documentation

The following needs to accompany the nomination form:

- Headshot of the candidate for the ballot paper
- Copy of Candidate's Statement (why students should vote for you)

Candidate's Briefing

All Candidates must be available to attend the Candidate's Briefing with the Returning Officer which will take place on Thursday, 12th March at 03:00pm. The briefing will be virtual, and a link will be shared to the email address provided on the nomination form.

Dates to Note

Nominations Close	Thursday 12 th March at 2:00pm
Candidates Briefing	Thursday 12 th March at 3:00pm
Deadline for Withdrawal of Nominations	Monday 16 th March 2026 by 5:00pm
Election Day	Thursday 19 th March 2026 – 08:00am to 06:00pm
Announcement of Results	Thursday 19 th March 06:30pm

As per Article 11.3.5 of the MISU Constitution, nomination forms shall be signed by twenty proposers, who must be registered students of the College.

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Each candidate must be proposed by 20 registered MIC students who must complete their own details and sign their own name in the space provided. Should the Returning Officer have any doubt as to the authenticity of a signature or if a proposer has not completed their own details in full, the Returning Officer can deem the nomination form to be invalid, and the candidate will not be eligible to stand in the MISU Elections. The MISU Returning Officer will only use the above information if they deem it necessary to verify the details of a proposer. The nomination form will be held by MISU for a period no longer than 2 College days after the Returning Officer has declared the results, when it will then be shredded. All information supplied on the nomination form will only be used for the MISU Elections process.



MISU Election Regulations

March 2026

To ensure MISU elections are fair and transparent, there are a few rules and regulations that must be followed. The following regulations, in addition to Article 11 of the MISU Constitution, must be adhered to by all candidates running in a MISU Election or By-Election.

It is the responsibility of each candidate and their campaign team to read these regulations in full, ensure they adhere to them and to seek clarification if required by emailing returningofficer@misu.ie

Candidates and their campaign teams are responsible for adhering to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

The Regulations cover the following

1. Eligibility to Work in Ireland
2. Nomination for Election
3. Close of Nominations
4. Announcement of Candidates
5. Candidate's Briefing
6. Campaigning
7. Returning Officer Disciplinary Powers
8. Current MISU Executive Committee Members

1. Eligibility to work in Ireland

- 1.1 The Full-Time Advocacy Officer (President) is a full-time role (working up to 40 hours per week) and will require the successful candidate to take up office on Monday 15th June 2026.
- 1.2 At the time of close of nominations, all candidates must be eligible to work full-time for the full duration of the contract of employment (15th June 2026 to 11th June 2027).
- 1.3 Where a candidate requires permission to work in Ireland, they will be required to provide the Returning Officer with a copy of this permission with their nomination form.
- 1.4 The permission must allow the candidate to work full-time, uninterrupted, from the 15th June 2026. Where this requirement cannot be met, the candidate will be deemed ineligible to stand in the election on the basis that they are unable to fulfil the employment requirements of the Officership.

- 1.5 Where a candidate requires permission and does not provide a copy of this with their nomination form, the form will be deemed invalid.
- 1.4 For the paid part-time Advocacy Officers, the successful candidates will become part-time employees of MISU and at the close of nominations, they must meet all legal requirements to allow them to fulfil the hours of work required by the role for the full duration of their contract of employment.
- 1.5 If a Full-Time or Part-Time Officer cannot continue to meet all legal requirements for the full duration of the contract of employment, then the Officer shall be liable to relinquish the post; the contract of employment will be terminated, and they will be deemed to have resigned their post without any entitlement to compensation for loss of office or otherwise.

2. Nomination for Election

- 2.1 Each prospective candidate must be a member of Mary I Students' Union (MISU) as defined by the MISU Constitution (article 4.1). The Returning Officer has the right to verify the student status of all prospective candidates.
- 2.2 Each prospective candidate must complete and submit the required election nomination form before the close of nominations.
- 2.3 It is the responsibility of each prospective candidate to ensure that all the required documentation is submitted, in full and as requested, when returning their documentation. Failure to do so, will result in an invalid nomination form and the prospective candidate will not be eligible to stand as a candidate in the MISU election. The decision of the Returning Officer in this regard shall be final and not open to appeal.
- 2.4 The Returning Officer has the right to verify the details of any proposer of any prospective candidate. If the Returning Officer finds that any of the details are incorrect then this shall result in the Returning Officer declaring the nomination form to be invalid and the candidate will not be eligible to stand. The decision of the Returning Officer in this regard shall be final and not open to appeal.
- 2.5 Candidates may only run for one officership position at any given time.

3. Close of Nominations

- 3.1 Nominations will close at 02:00pm on Thursday, 12th March 2026.
- 3.2 Following the close of nominations, the Returning Officer will review and ratify all

nominations received.

- 3.3 Where a nomination form has been deemed invalid by the Returning Officer, the person will be contacted by the Returning Officer to inform them and the reason/s as to why the form was deemed invalid. The decision of the Returning Officer in this regard is final and not open to appeal.

4. Announcement of Candidates

- 4.1 The Returning Officer or their nominee will publish the following information:

- 4.1.1 The names of all candidates who are running for each Officership.
- 4.1.2 The Candidate Statement
- 4.1.3 The date, time and venue for Hustings (Meet the Candidates)
- 4.1.4 The date of the election and the times and methods by which votes may be cast.
- 4.1.5 Whether any invalid nomination forms were received.

- 4.2 All candidates for election must attend 'Meet the Candidates' or show good cause as to why they cannot attend.

4 Candidates' Briefing

- 4.1 The candidate's briefing may be in -person, virtual or hybrid which will be at the discretion of the Returning Officer and will take place at a time determined by the Returning Officer.
- 4.2 All candidates must attend the candidate briefing, unless a prior agreement has been made with the Returning Officer. If any candidate does not attend without notifying the Returning Officer, they risk disqualification from the elections.
- 4.3 Candidates may bring up to one student supporter (a member of their campaign team) to the briefing.
- 4.4 Candidates will have the opportunity to put questions to the Returning Officer about campaigning, the voting process and the regulations.

5 Campaigning

- 5.1 Candidates cannot commence campaigning until after the candidate's briefing with the Returning Officer. The date and time of the briefing will be determined by the Returning Officer and communicated to the candidates. Any breach of this shall result in the candidate receiving a sanction from the Returning Officer.
- 5.2 All candidates shall adhere to the basic principles, aims and objectives of MISU as outlined within Articles 2 and 3 of MISU Constitution. As per article 11.8.5 of the MISU Constitution,

failure to adhere to this shall warrant in the convening of the MISU Disciplinary Committee.

- 5.3 Candidates shall, at all times, treat their fellow candidates with dignity and respect. Any breach shall result in the candidate receiving a sanction from the Returning Officer.
- 5.4 All candidates are solely responsible for all of their campaigning materials, literature, and the conduct of their campaigners.
- 5.5 All canvassing must be confined to the college grounds. Any breach of this regulation shall result in the candidate receiving a sanction from the Returning Officer.
- 5.6 MIC Student and/or Staff emails (@mic.ul.ie) cannot be used for canvassing or campaigning. Any breach of this shall result in the candidate receiving a sanction from the Returning Officer.
- 5.7 The use of Union or Clubs and Societies resources for election campaigning is strictly forbidden.
- 5.8 The use of the MISU logo is not permitted on any campaign materials and any such use shall result in the candidate's disqualification from the MISU Election process.
- 5.9 Candidates are restricted to hanging campaign posters in designated areas on the MIC campuses, which they will be notified of at the candidate's briefing with the Returning Officer.
- 5.10 All election material must be removed by 10:00am on the morning after the election.
- 5.11 Election candidates will have to adhere to the set spending cap of €250 (monetary value). Posters, as mentioned in 5.9, are exempt from this cap.
- 5.12 Receipts must be kept for all purchases and must be produced by the candidate if requested by the Returning Officer. Candidates are not reimbursed by MISU for election expenses.
- 5.13 Candidates must not use stickers or any other similar material. Any breach of this shall result in the candidate receiving a sanction from the Returning Officer.
- 5.14 On the day of elections and where there are physical polling stations candidates and their supporters will be excluded from canvassing and/or campaigning in a pre-defined area around the polling station as determined by the Returning Officer. Any breach of this shall result in the candidate receiving a sanction from the Returning Officer.
- 5.15 All sponsorship and/or contributions, either fiscal or benefit-in-kind, committed to the

financing or aiding of an individual or joint electoral campaign for both General Elections and By-Elections is strictly prohibited. Any breach of this regulation shall result in the candidate's immediate disqualification from the MISU Election.

5.16 Candidates cannot enter into any agreements with any nightclubs, bars, retailers, suppliers etc. for their election campaign on behalf of the Students' Union on the proviso that they may be elected. Any breach of this regulation shall result in the candidate's immediate disqualification from the MISU Election process.

5.17 Alcohol or items pertaining to gambling are not permitted as part of campaigning. Any breach of this regulation shall result in the candidate's immediate disqualification from the MISU Election.

6 Returning Officer Disciplinary Powers

6.1 All candidates must adhere to the MISU Election Regulations.

6.2 If a candidate or their campaigners breach any of the above regulations or any of the regulations outlined in the MISU Constitution, the Returning Officer can discipline the candidate by:

7.2.1 Suspension from campaigning for any or all of the MISU election process, either in person or through Social Media Platforms or both;

7.2.2 Expulsion from Hustings, and/or from campaigning either in person and/or through social media platforms;

7.2.3 Disqualification from the election during the election process, up to and following the announcement of results.

7.3 Any sanctions imposed by the Returning Officer on a candidate will be notified to the student body.

8 Current MISU Executive Committee Members

8.2 Any current member of the MISU Executive Committee, who is running for election, must keep their role as an Executive Committee member separate to their campaign.

8.3 They cannot use any MISU facilities, MISU equipment, MISU software, MISU branded clothing, MISU contacts or connections which are available to them in their capacity as a current Executive Committee member, for any reason whatsoever in their campaign. Failure to adhere to this will result in their immediate disqualification from the election process.