LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel Member- Job Description

About LASE

The **London and South East** (**LASE**) **University Group** is a shared partnership framework bringing together the University of Greenwich and the University of Kent. The partnership supports collaboration, shared identity and strong leadership while recognising and respecting the distinct student experience at each university.

Student voice is central to LASE, and we recognise that the partnership between the two universities is a unique opportunity to collaborate in how student voice can enact meaningful and long-lasting change for the benefit of current and future students. This has led us to the creation of the **LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel (LASE SPAP).**

About the LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel

The LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel will bring students and staff from the University of Greenwich and the University of Kent together to strengthen student voice across the partnership. The Panel will provide a formal space for students to share feedback, influence priorities, co-design initiatives and help ensure that LASE activities reflect the experiences and needs of students at both universities.

The LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel will consist of **30 students**:

- **14 Panel Members from the University of Greenwich**
- **14 Panel Members from the University of Kent**
- **2 Student Co-Chairs – one from each university**

The 28 Panel Members will form the majority of the Panel and will work closely with the two Student Co-Chairs.

The Co-Chairs will lead and facilitate Panel discussions, while Panel Members will bring student experiences, perspectives, ideas and feedback into the conversation.

Student Representative Protected Seats

To help ensure the Panel reflects the diversity of the student communities at both universities, a number of the 28 Panel Member positions will be designated as **Student Representative Protected Seats**.

Protected Seat categories will include:

- **Home Students**
- **International Students**
- **Mature Students**
- **Commuter Students**
- **Neurodivergent Students**

These seats are designed to ensure that different student experiences and perspectives have a meaningful voice within the LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel.

Students appointed through a Protected Seat will have the same status, responsibilities and opportunities as all other Panel Members.

Protected Seat Members will not be expected to speak on behalf of every student within their category. Instead, they will be encouraged to bring their own experiences and perspectives while also listening to and considering the views of others.

Students may identify with more than one of the Protected Seat categories.

The Role

As a LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel Member, you will help ensure students from both universities have a meaningful voice in the development of LASE.

You will attend monthly Panel meetings, contribute to discussions and consultations, share ideas and experiences, and provide feedback on matters affecting students.

You will work alongside fellow Panel Members, the Student Co-Chairs and LASE colleagues to identify priorities and help shape activities, communications and decisions relating to the partnership.

What You Will Do

As a Panel Member, you will:

- Attend one LASE SPAP meeting each month
- Participate actively and constructively in discussions
- Share your views, experiences and ideas
- Bring forward feedback and perspectives from the wider student community
- Listen to and consider different student experiences
- Provide feedback on LASE projects, plans and activities
- Help identify issues and priorities that matter to students
- Contribute to consultations and student engagement activities
- Work collaboratively with the Student Co-Chairs and fellow Panel Members
- Help ensure discussions are inclusive and accessible
- Contribute respectfully and professionally
- Maintain confidentiality where required

Working With the Student Co-Chairs

The Student Co-Chairs will lead and facilitate Panel meetings and help connect the Panel with the wider LASE partnership.

Panel Members will support this by:

- Contributing ideas and student perspectives
- Raising issues that are important to students
- Providing feedback on proposals and priorities
- Participating actively in discussions
- Helping identify themes and areas for action
- Sharing perspectives from their university or student community
- Supporting an environment where different voices can be heard

The Panel is a collaborative space. While the Co-Chairs facilitate the conversation, the strength of the Panel comes from the experiences, ideas and Partnership of its members.

What We Are Looking For

We are looking for students who:

- Are interested in improving the student experience
- Want to contribute to the development of LASE
- Are willing to share their views and listen to others
- Can contribute respectfully to group discussions
- Are open to different experiences and perspectives
- Can work collaboratively with students and staff
- Are reliable and able to attend monthly meetings
- Can communicate clearly and professionally
- Are committed to equality, diversity, inclusion and fairness

You do not need previous leadership, committee or student representative experience to apply.

We particularly encourage applications from students who have not previously been involved in student representation or university decision-making.

What You Will Gain

Being part of the LASE SPAP will give you the opportunity to:

- Influence the development of the LASE partnership
- Help improve the student experience
- Develop communication and teamwork skills
- Build confidence contributing to meetings and consultations
- Gain experience of student representation and decision-making
- Work with students and staff across both universities
- Meet students with different backgrounds and experiences
- Gain valuable experience for your CV and future career

Support and Development

Panel Members will receive:

- An introduction to LASE and the Student Partnership and Advisory Panel

- Support from the Student Co-Chairs and wider LASE team
- Guidance on participating effectively in meetings
- Briefings ahead of discussions where appropriate
- Guidance on confidentiality and professional conduct
- Support with student representation and consultation
- Opportunities to develop communication and collaboration skills

Role Details

Role title: LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel Member

Number of Panel Member roles: 28 (14 students from the University of Greenwich and 14 students from the University of Kent)

Protected Seat categories:

- Home Students
- International Students
- Mature Students
- Commuter Students
- Neurodivergent Students

Term: January – June 2027

Meeting commitment: One meeting per month

Location: Hybrid / campus based as required

Recognition: £20 compensation in recognition of your participation at each meeting

How to Apply

Students wishing to join the LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel should complete the application form provided through the following Microsoft Form**:**

Application Form: LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel Member – Fill in form

The application will ask you to tell us:

- Why you would like to join the Panel
- What you could contribute
- What experiences or perspectives you would bring
- Whether you would like to be considered for a Student Representative Protected Seat

Please note that applicants wishing to be considered for a Protected Seat will be able to identify the relevant category or categories within the application form.

Application Deadline

00:00, 16th November 2026

Successful interviewees will be notified by 5pm on Friday 20th November. Interviews will be the week commencing Monday 23rd November.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

We are committed to creating a diverse, inclusive and representative LASE Student Partnership and Advisory Panel.

We welcome applications from students across different backgrounds, courses, levels of study, identities and experiences at both the University of Greenwich and the University of Kent.

The inclusion of Home, International, Mature, Commuter and Neurodivergent Student Protected Seats will help ensure that a broad range of student experiences are represented within the Panel.

We particularly encourage applications from students whose perspectives may traditionally be less represented in university consultation and decision-making.

Your experience matters. Your voice matters. Help shape LASE.