

**Role Description: Alumni Council President (Voluntary position)**

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**Alumni Relations at the University of Sydney**

The University of Sydney is a large and diverse institution with a broad range of disciplines. We thrive on the strong shared identity that binds us together as a community, and it is this identity that shapes our strategic vision.

Our mission is to create a mutually beneficial Alumni Relations program that will strengthen and engage the alumni community and support the University's vision for years to come.

**The Alumni Council**

Alumni Council members are members of Convocation. The role of the Alumni Council is to:

- Support the University and its faculties in their endeavours to grow alumni engagement across the University community;
- Effectively facilitate connectivity between alumni, the University community and its stakeholders;
- Provide opportunities for alumni to develop a lifelong connection with the University, commencing when a student enters the University.

<b>Volunteer Role Title</b>	Alumni Council President
<b>Purpose of the position</b>	Lead and motivate Alumni Council members to build strong relationships between the University of Sydney, its alumni and students.
<b>Location</b>	The University of Sydney, Camperdown campus
<b>Hours</b>	10-14 hours per month (approximately)
<b>Key contacts</b>	Director, Alumni Relations; Secretary to the Senate; Vice-Principal (Advancement)
<b>Principal duties and responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Alumni Council meetings</li> <li>• Ensure that the Alumni Council's activities are aligned to the University's Strategic Plan and the Alumni Relations Strategic Plan</li> <li>• Professionally represent the Alumni Council to promote its high standing in the University community</li> <li>• Promote initiatives that will benefit the University and its wider community</li> <li>• Advocate on behalf of the University and promote student/alumni engagement</li> <li>• Encourage and participate in mutually beneficial alumni and student engagement programs such as mentoring, coaching and</li> </ul>

	<p>Welcome to Sydney programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and provide advice on current or proposed Alumni Charter</li> <li>• Participate in subcommittees (e.g. Governance, Alumni Awards) and appoint subcommittee Chairs.</li> <li>• Develop a strong and effective link between the Alumni Chapters &amp; Associations and the Alumni Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Desirable skills and attributes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the University Strategic Plan and wider strategic perspective</li> <li>• Embrace philanthropic endeavors of the University and the INSPIRED campaign</li> <li>• Commitment to proactively guiding the Alumni Council towards achieving its purpose and agreed strategic priorities</li> <li>• Board chair/Management skills to effectively lead the Council meetings</li> <li>• Positive and constructive attitude and ability to contribute to a positive Alumni Council culture</li> <li>• Exceptional presentation and communication skills</li> <li>• Experience in public speaking and presenting in front of a large audience</li> <li>• Demonstrated leadership and relationship management skills</li> <li>• Ability to influence and motivate Alumni Council members and alumni wider community</li> <li>• Commitment to promoting the mission and vision of the University and the Division of Alumni and Development</li> <li>• Understand the role of volunteers in supporting the work of academic leadership</li> <li>• Ability to build productive and transparent partnership with University staff</li> <li>• Strong social and professional networks and willingness to leverage them for the University</li> </ul>
<p><b>Benefits of the role</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional networking</li> <li>• Enhance leadership and committee board skills</li> <li>• Make a meaningful contribution to our University, it's alumni, students and stakeholders</li> <li>• Professional development training opportunities and Induction training</li> </ul>

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