



UARctic

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OPEN CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR UARCTIC BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

UARctic's Nominations Committee kindly requests UARctic higher education institution members to come forward with preliminary nominations for a student who could serve on the Board of UARctic.

The UARctic Board has general responsibility for UARctic's development and for its main priorities. The Board is a group of elected individuals and is currently comprised of the following members ([see list](#)).

UARctic's Bylaws define the student representation in the Board of UARctic as consisting of three individuals, each appointed for a three-year term. Thus over a 3-year cycle each student will; in the 1st year of appointment serve as **representative elect**, in the 2nd year serve as the **representative**, and in the 3rd year serve as the **outgoing representative**. See section 4 of the [UARctic Bylaws](#) for full details of Board member responsibilities and elections.

In May 2023, the current outgoing student representative will complete his term on the Board, so this nomination process is for the appointment of a new student representative elect. In nominating and selecting members of the Board, efforts are made to ensure broad geographic, cultural and indigenous representation, as well as gender balance. Below (on page 2) is an overview of this nomination and selection process, as well as details on what information is to be included when nominating a student.

Appointed for a three-year term a student representative on UARctic's Board should be:

- A registered student from a UARctic member institution (at the time of appointment);
- In good academic standing, and preferably having participated in a UARctic activity (i.e. Circumpolar Studies; north2north mobility; student seminar, etc.);
- Able to represent a variety of student interests connected to the North;
- Able to make the time commitment necessary (approx. 5hrs/month); and be
- Willing to maintain close communications with relevant student organizations.

Each student representative has the opportunity to attend any meeting of the Board, however any given meeting only one representative can vote, with the voting student receiving financial support from UARctic to participate. However, to increase student participation, each student representative candidate's home institution (i.e. UARctic member) is encouraged to provide financial support to cover travel and accommodation costs for their student to attend a maximum of two UARctic Board meetings during the three-year term.

Members of UARctic are invited to submit preliminary nominations to the Secretary of the Nominations Committee, Outi.Snellman@uarctic.org by **February 28, 2023**.

Following an evaluation, UARctic's Nominations Committee will submit a proposal to the Assembly, who will then vote to elect the new Board student representative during their meeting in May 2023.

Thank you for your engagement,

Outi Snellman
UARctic Secretary General
Secretary Nominations Committee

Process for the Nomination and Selection of a UArctic Board Member – Student Representative Elect (2023)

- All higher education institution members of UArctic will be invited to submit preliminary nominations of students interested in serving of UArctic's Board.
- Submissions for preliminary nominations should include:
 - a) the nominees' full name, gender, nationality and cultural background;
 - b) e-mail address and phone number;
 - c) a written statement of interest from the nominee [a brief of approximately 200-300 words].
- The UArctic International Secretariat will coordinate the nominations process, and nominations are to be submitted to the Secretary of the Nominations Committee by the deadline of **February 28, 2023**.
- To secure support for the successful candidate's participation on the Board, the student's home institution (i.e. UArctic member institution) will be requested to confirm their commitment to providing financial support to cover travel and accommodation costs for their student to attend a maximum of two UArctic Board meetings during the three-year term.

With financial support secured, the candidate in question will then be contacted to confirm their willingness to serve on the Board, and to obtain additional information about their qualifications (if needed).

- Following an evaluation, the Nominations Committee will make their decision and prepare a proposal on nominated candidate for the Assembly Executive Committee (Toyon). Once confirmed, the final nomination decision will then be circulated to all member representatives on the UArctic Assembly, who will vote to elect the new Board student representative in May 2023.