



# Application for the 2022 - 2023 UW Student Regent

**Applications are due by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022.**

Submit this application as well as its supporting materials as **PDFs by emailing them to [gpspres@uw.edu](mailto:gpspres@uw.edu)**

## Description of the Position

The Board of Regents consists of ten citizens appointed by the Governor. The Regents, in whom authority rests as a collective body, and not as individuals, govern the University of Washington, and select and evaluate its President. The administration of the University is delegated, with [certain exceptions](#), to the University President and the faculty, of which the President is a member. As guardians of the public trust, and as a body, the Regents set institutional missions, establish policies, and ensure the financial stability and academic quality of the University. Since 1998 the tenth seat on the Board has been filled by a student, chosen by the Governor from among three students nominated by a committee made up of student leaders across all three UW campuses.

The Student Regent is not a student representative, a function filled by representatives of the various student governments to the Board, but an independent guardian of the public trust responsible to the citizens of the State of Washington. The Student Regent brings the perspective of students past, present, and future to difficult decisions that may involve balancing the interests of current and future students, and of students and the faculty or staff.

By custom, the Student Regent helps to plan agendas of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee; helps to ensure the integration of all campuses of the University by regularly convening student leaders to discuss issues before the Board and issues of particular and common concern to students on the different campuses; and, each year, the is invited to present a student-focused information item to the Board in May or June.

In compensation for their time and service, the Student Regent receives a scholarship for tuition costs during his or her regency. Duties performed as Regent are reimbursed at the applicable per diem rate, in accordance with Board policy. The time commitment required of the Student Regent is considerable. They may, but need not necessarily, accept additional UW employment, in any case not to exceed 100 percent time, as their schedule and coursework permit, but must decline any tuition or fee waiver associated with that employment.



Please feel free to contact the GPSS President ([gpsspres@uw.edu](mailto:gpsspres@uw.edu)) with any questions or concerns about the application process. Additionally, the current Student Regent, Djelli Berisha, may be reached at [stureg@uw.edu](mailto:stureg@uw.edu) for questions about the position.

**LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The most qualified candidates will be interviewed for the position. Following the interview process, 3-5 finalists will be selected by the end of April and sent to the Governor's Office who appoints the Student Regent.

**You must be available for an interview in the last week of April. Applicants will be notified of their interview timeframe.**

**Requirements:**

- a. To apply to be Student Regent you must be a **full-time** UW student in good standing at the time of appointment and currently enrolled in at least 12 credits for undergraduate and professional students or 10 credits for graduate students, or on leave (as defined by UW Employment and Administrative Policies, University Employment, Chapter 104, Student Employees).
- b. During the 2022-23 academic year you must be a full-time student in good standing and enrolled at UW for at least 12 credits for undergraduate and professional students or 10 credits for graduate students, or on leave as defined by UW Policy, Chapter 104.
- c. Must be available to serve from **July 2022 to June 2023** (summer internships and travel acceptable, duties during the summer can be remote and are predominantly over email)
- d. If you are selected as one of the finalists sent to the Governor for consideration, you cannot run as a candidate in the ASUW Seattle, ASUW Bothell, ASUW Tacoma, or GPSS elections.

Note that your application may be released to the public if requested.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS, please contact GPSS President Aaron Yared at [gpsspres@uw.edu](mailto:gpsspres@uw.edu).

**COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION.**



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name:

Student Number:

Preferred Pronouns:

Local Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone:

E-mail Address:

## EDUCATION

Major(s)/Degree:

Expected Date of Graduation:

## \*REFERENCES - (Optional)

Name	Position Relation Phone

Please send **ALL** the following as **PDFs** by emailing [gpsspres@uw.edu](mailto:gpsspres@uw.edu).

**All materials are due by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022.**

1. Please attach a **resume** (no longer than two pages maximum).
2. Please attach the **Essay questions** as described below.
3. Please select **one or two activities or engagement experiences that demonstrate your leadership** (as described in your resume) that you have done and elaborate upon them. Please provide as much detail as possible, but no more than two pages maximum, double-spaced, 12-point font and 1-inch margins.
4. Please include an **unofficial transcript**.
5. Letters of reference are **optional** but no more than two **letters of reference** pertaining to volunteer, academic, school or work-related activities (written on January 1, 2022 or later) that can be submitted to [gpsspres@uw.edu](mailto:gpsspres@uw.edu).

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**



## **ESSAY QUESTIONS**

Please answer **ALL** the following questions. Limit your entire response to the five questions to a total of 3-5 pages maximum, double-spaced, 12-point font and 1-inch margins. Please label each page with your name and page number.

1. Why are you interested in serving as the Student Regent?
2. Please explain your position on one or two important issues you believe are pertinent to UW students, faculty, and staff.
3. Consider the following scenario and answer the question: Imagine that you are now a member of the UW Board of Regents and the majority of the Board disagrees with you on a particular issue. What would be your approach to addressing and influencing the Board on this issue?
4. What is your knowledge of issues affecting minoritized students and communities? What are some strategies you would use to address these issues?
5. What steps would you take to engage with and educate yourself about the issues affecting communities different from your own? (i.e. the three campuses, people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds, people from different socioeconomic statuses, etc.)



**The following information can be found online and is necessary to know for the position:**

### **Student Regent Duties and Powers**

The Student Regent is a full member of the University of Washington Board of Regents, with two main exceptions that are outlined below. Below are selected state of Washington statutes concerning the structure and role of the Board of Regents. Please feel free to contact the GPSS President ([gpsspres@uw.edu](mailto:gpsspres@uw.edu)) with any questions or concerns about the application process. Additionally, the current Student Regent, Djelli Berisha, may be reached at [stureg@uw.edu](mailto:stureg@uw.edu) for questions about the position.

**RCW 28B.20.100 Regents — Appointment — Terms — Vacancies — Quorum.** (1) The governance of the University of Washington shall be vested in a board of regents to consist of ten

members, one of whom shall be a student. The governor shall select the student member from a list of candidates, of at least three and not more than five, submitted by the governing body of the associated students. They shall be appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate, and, except for the student member, shall hold their offices for a term of six years from the first day of October and until their successors shall be appointed and qualified. The student member shall hold his or her office for a term of one year from the first day of July until the first day of July of the following year or until his or her successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is later. The student member shall be a full-time student in good standing at the university at the time of appointment.

(2) Six members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the case of a vacancy, or when an appointment is made after the date of the expiration of a term, the governor shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of the regent whose office has become vacant or expired.

(3) Except for the term of the student member, no more than the terms of two members will expire simultaneously on the last day of September in any one year.

(4) A student appointed under this section shall excuse himself or herself from participation or voting on matters relating to the hiring, discipline, or tenure of faculty members and personnel.

**RCW 28B.20.130 Powers and duties of regents — General.** General powers and duties of the board of regents are as follows:

(1) To have full control of the university and its property of various kinds, except as otherwise provided by law.

(2) To employ the president of the university, his or her assistants, members of the faculty, and employees of the institution, who except as otherwise provided by law, shall hold their positions during the pleasure of said board of regents.



(3) Establish entrance requirements for students seeking admission to the university which meet or exceed the standards specified under RCW [28B.77.020](#). Completion of examinations satisfactory to the university may be a prerequisite for entrance by any applicant at the university's discretion. Evidence of completion of public high schools and other educational institutions whose courses of study meet the approval of the university may be acceptable for entrance.

(4) Establish such colleges, schools, or departments necessary to carry out the purpose of the university and not otherwise prescribed by law.

(5) With the assistance of the faculty of the university, prescribe the course of study in the various colleges, schools, and departments of the institution and publish the necessary catalogues thereof.

(6) Grant to students such certificates or degrees as recommended for such students by the faculty. The board, upon recommendation of the faculty, may also confer honorary degrees upon persons other than graduates of this university in recognition of their learning or devotion to literature, art, or science: PROVIDED, that no degree shall ever be conferred in consideration of the payment of money or the giving of property of whatsoever kind.

(7) Accept such gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises, whether real or personal property, or both, in trust or otherwise, for the use or benefit of the university, its colleges, schools, departments, or agencies; and sell, lease or exchange, invest or expend the same or the proceeds, rents, profits, and income thereof except as limited by the terms of said gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises. The board shall adopt proper rules to govern and protect the receipt and expenditure of the proceeds of all fees, and the proceeds, rents, profits, and income of all gifts, grants, conveyances, bequests, and devises above-mentioned.

(8) Except as otherwise provided by law, to enter into such contracts as the regents deem essential to university purposes.

(9) To submit upon request such reports as will be helpful to the governor and to the legislature in providing for the institution.

(10) To offer new degree programs, offer off-campus programs, participate in consortia or centers, contract for off-campus educational programs, and purchase or lease major off-campus facilities in accordance with RCW [28B.77.080](#).

(11) To confer honorary degrees upon persons who request an honorary degree if they were students at the university in 1942 and did not graduate because they were ordered into an internment camp. The honorary degree may also be requested by a representative of deceased persons who meet these requirements. For the purposes of this subsection, "internment camp" means a relocation center to which persons were ordered evacuated by Presidential Executive Order 9066, signed February 19, 1942.