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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 1<sup>st</sup> year of appointment serve as **representative elect**, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year serve as the **representative**, and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year serve as the **outgoing representative**. See section 4 of the [UARctic Bylaws](#) for full details of Board member responsibilities and elections.

In June 2025, 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.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year representative will act as the primary representative to participate in the Board meetings. In case they are unable to join the meeting, one of the other student representatives will participate. UArctic covers the travel costs of the voting student representative to the Board meetings.

Members of UArctic are invited to submit preliminary nominations to the Secretary of the Nominations Committee, [Outi.Snellman@uarctic.org](mailto:Outi.Snellman@uarctic.org) by **21 April, 2025**.

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 June 2025.

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 (2025)**

- 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 **21 April, 2025**.
- 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 June 2025.