

RMIT University Student Union – 2021 Annual Elections

REGISTRATION OF ELECTORAL TEAM APPLICATION

We the undersigned are listed as being enrolled students at RMIT University and are eligible to accept nomination as candidates and vote at the above elections hereby apply to be registered as a team in accordance with the Electoral Regulations.

Please note that multiple iterations of this form will be accepted to ensure the successful registration of electoral teams. This form can only be submitted electronically.

(Print name of team & team's abbreviation)

Insert/attach details of logo and colour scheme, if any, to be used by team.

<i>List order of candidates on team (Please print names)</i>	<i>Candidates student number</i>	<i>Signatures of candidates</i>

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<i>Print Name and Telephone Nos of Registered Officer of Team</i>	<i>Registered Officer's Student Number</i>	<i>Registered Officer's Signature</i>
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<i>This Application is endorsed by the undersigned current students (who MUST be current financial members of RUSU) (Please print names)</i>	<i>Student number</i>	<i>Signatures of endorsing students</i>

All copies of this form must be submitted electronically in line with COVID-19 restrictions with copy and paste signatures on this form being accepted

Notes on registering a Team at the RMIT University Student Union – 2021 Annual Elections

Candidates wishing to register a team must familiarise themselves with the Election Regulations

In order to register a team, candidates must complete this Registration of Electoral Team Application and email it to rusureturningofficer@gmail.com before the close of nominations at **1:00 PM Wednesday, 8 September 2021**.

For a team to be approved by the Returning Officer it must consist of a minimum of eight (8) valid candidates for positions on the Student Union Council by the close of nominations.

For the positions of NUS delegates a minimum of 2 individuals may form a Team.

For the positions of Catalyst editors, a minimum of 2 individuals may form a Team.

Applications for team registration shall include a) The name of the team (to be no longer than five words) and any abbreviation thereof; b) The logo and colour scheme, if any, to be used by the team; c) two registering officers for the team who shall be the contact point between the team and Election Officials and who must be a candidate for that team and a current financial member of the Student Union.

The application must contain the name, student number and signatures of at least twenty-five (25) current RMIT students who endorse the team and who must be current financial members of the Student Union.

No student may sign more than one application and no candidate standing on a team may sign an application for a different team.

When a team is registered the Returning Officer must post the details of the team name, logo, colour scheme on the official election notice board and where it exists on the official election website/webpage within 24 hours (on business days) of the registration application being received.

Team names must not include the name of a club or society affiliated with the Student Union

If the proposed name of a team includes the name of a team used in any RMIT election in the past three years, a) the application must include the consent of the team's most recent registering officer b) If the consent of the team's most recent registering officer has been gained, the use of the name may be disputed by other candidates.

A dispute to the right to use the name must be made in writing to the Returning Officer and must outline clearly why the use of the name would be misleading or confusing to voters or misrepresentative. The written dispute must be made by a candidate running in the current election and have the signed support of at least one candidate who previously ran as a candidate under the team name being disputed.

The dispute must be lodged within 24 hours (business days) of the team name being posted in official channels by the Returning Officer. If the Returning Officer finds that the dispute has merit, then they may refuse to register the team name to any team for the elections and shall give the team that registered the name the option of choosing another name.

The Returning Officer may refuse to register a team name, that is misleading, offensive, or that is so similar to another proposed team name or names as potentially to cause confusion amongst voters and shall give the applicant the option of choosing another name.

The Returning Officer may refuse to register a team logo or colour scheme that is misleading, offensive, or that is so similar to another proposed team logo or colour scheme as potentially to cause confusion amongst voters and shall give the applicant the option of choosing another team logo or colour scheme. If a team name is proposed by more than one applicant, the team who first submitted the name shall be approved, all other criteria being in order as determined by the Returning Officer, and the other applicant shall be given the option of choosing another name.