

**Imperial College Union  
Governance & Membership / 6 September 2023**

**2023-24 Election Dates**

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Purpose: To approve the election timetable for the 2023-24 academic year

Decision(s): To approve

**1. 2023-24 Election Timetable**

The Union runs 3 main elections<sup>1</sup> as part of its election cycle each academic year. The Union previously received feedback from several academic departments that the Autumn Election should run later, suggesting that running elections too early in the academic year risks not reaching students; this was reportedly the case particularly for students in their first year of study at Imperial (both postgraduate and undergraduate), as it was said they were preoccupied with other induction priorities early in the term. However, last year the Union conversely received feedback that the elections were too late in the term(!). Therefore, it is proposed to run the Autumn Election as below in Autumn Term. There has been no other significant feedback related to the Leadership or Summer Election timetables of late. Therefore, it is proposed that the election dates for the 2023-24 academic year broadly match the weeks that the 2022-23 elections took place.

1.1 Imperial College Term Dates

Academic Year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
2022-2023	1 October 2022 – 16 December 2022	7 January 2023 – 24 March 2023	29 April 2023 – 30 June 2023
2023-2024	30 September 2023 – 15 December 2023	06 January 2023 – 22 March 2024	27 April 2024 – 28 June 2024

1.2 Autumn Election Dates

Event	2021-22 Dates	2022-23 Dates	Proposed 2023-24 Dates
Nominations Open	12:00 2/10/2021 (Saturday)	17/10/2022 (Monday)	9/10/2023 (Monday)
Nominations Close	12:00 12/10/2021 (Tuesday)	25/10/2022 (Tuesday)	17/10/2023 (Tuesday)
Manifestos Due	12:00 13/10/2021 (Wednesday)	26/10/2022 (Wednesday)	18/10/2023 (Wednesday)
Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning	12:00 14/10/2021 (Thursday)	27/10/2022 (Thursday)	19/10/2023 (Thursday)
Voting Open	12:00 18/10/2021 (Monday)	31/10/2022 (Monday)	23/10/2023 (Monday)
Voting Close	14:00 21/10/2021 (Thursday)	3/11/2022 (Thursday)	26/10/2023 (Thursday)
Complaints deadline	17:00 21/10/2021 (Thursday)	3/11/2022 (Thursday)	26/10/2023 (Thursday)
Results announced	17:00 22/10/2021 (Friday)	4/11/2022 (Friday)	27/10/2023 (Friday)

<sup>1</sup> The Union also runs (at least) two smaller elections during the course of an academic year: Autumn Bye-elections and the Y5&6 medical students' representative elections in late Summer.

### 1.3 Leadership Election Dates

<b>Event</b>	<b>2022-23 Dates</b>	<b>Proposed 2023-24 Dates</b>
Nominations Open	13/2/2023 (Monday)	12/2/2024 (Monday)
Nominations Close	3/3/2023 (Friday)	1/3/2024 (Friday)
Manifestos Due	7/3/2023 (Tuesday)	5/3/2024 (Tuesday)
Candidate Briefing	8/3/2023 (Wednesday)	5/3/2024 (Tuesday)
Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning	8/3/2023 (Wednesday)	6/3/2024 (Wednesday)
Voting Open	13/3/2023 (Monday)	11/3/2023 (Monday)
Voting Close	16/3/2023 (Thursday)	14/3/2023 (Thursday)
Complaints deadline	16/3/2023 (Thursday)	14/3/2023 (Thursday)
Results announced	17/3/2023 (Friday)	15/3/2023 (Friday)

### 1.4 Summer Election Dates

<b>Event</b>	<b>2022-23 Dates</b>	<b>Proposed 2023-24 Dates</b>
Nominations Open	31/5/2023 (Wednesday)	29/5/2024 (Wednesday)
Nominations Close	9/6/2023 (Friday)	7/6/2024 (Friday)
Manifestos Due	12/6/2023 (Monday)	10/6/2024 (Monday)
Candidate Briefing	12/6/2023 (Monday)	10/6/2024 (Monday)
Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning	12/6/2023 (Monday)	10/6/2024 (Monday)
Voting Open	12/6/2023 (Monday)	10/6/2024 (Monday)
Voting Close	15/6/2023 (Thursday)	13/6/2024 (Thursday)
Complaints deadline	15/6/2023 (Thursday)	13/6/2024 (Thursday)
Results announced	16/6/2023 (Friday)	14/6/2024 (Friday)

## 2. Decision

The committee is asked to approve the election dates for this academic year.