



Role Profile

POSITION

Role title:	Volunteer British Psychological Society Student Ambassador
Location:	Various – cross regional, based at university
Reports to:	Lead Student Ambassador, Regional Branch Contact, Student Committee, Careers Team
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ROLE PURPOSE

Do you want to represent the British Psychological Society at your university? If you are passionate about psychology, supporting your fellow students and want to learn new skills along the way – you could be a Volunteer Student Ambassador.

As a Volunteer Student Ambassador, you will support your fellow student cohort who are completing a BPS accredited course, by acting as the correspondent between the BPS through the Student Committee, your local society Branch and your university. You will be on-hand to help your cohort as they enter into psychology education and training, by acting as a BPS champion. You will support with and direct queries, help to promote our student membership, BPS student events, campaigns and other relevant initiatives. You will also have the chance to support the BPS to deliver other opportunities such as schools outreach work and careers fairs.

This is an unpaid voluntary role but your BPS student membership fees are covered during your time in the role. Being a Volunteer Student Ambassador is a great opportunity to shape the future of the discipline while gaining valuable skills. This includes articulating the value and impact of psychology and gaining experience in wider workplace opportunities such as supporting the delivery of psychologically based education programmes and beyond. This is a recognised role you will be able to add to your CV, highlighting not only your experience volunteering for a professional body, but also the transferrable skills you will gain.

The BPS will host regular regional forums where you can meet and network with other ambassadors. There will also be an annual national ambassador forum where nominated regional ambassadors will join us to share knowledge and best practice, and celebrate your successful year.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- Volunteering as a Student Ambassador is very flexible! You can commit to set hours each week or join us on a more flexible basis. Any time you can give helps to support students who are entering into education and training.

- We would love you to develop links with your fellow students, university staff members and heads of departments to support the aims and objectives of the BPS.
- We would also like you to engage your fellow student membership! You can do this in various ways such as;
 - *Setting up your own university's psychological society, or getting involved with one that already exists*
 - *Promotion of the BPS and BPS membership at places on campus that attract high footfall.*
 - *Setting up or getting involved with a 'Psychology' social media page for your university.*
 - *Engaging with your careers representatives to promote psychology related work experience.*
 - *Engaging with us here at the BPS to suggest new ways and ideas of communicating with your students, bringing concepts to us to develop together!*
- Take part in any training required for personal development within your role.
- Follow the advice we provide to you in relation to Health and Safety and Safeguarding.
- Be enrolled on a BPS accredited course within one of our pilot areas (London and home counties, North East of England, Wales, East Midlands, West Midlands)

IMPORTANT TO NOTE

This role is created to help engage your fellow psychology students with the support they can receive from the British Psychological Society as members. Any matters related to students' individual curriculum or course must be directed to your university and not the branches within the BPS. Additionally, any formal feedback regarding student course(s) must be directed through your university's internal regulatory framework for them to escalate, and again, is not suitable for your associated branches. Any personal issues that a student may have should be directed to the university student support service. However, if you are unsure or require further information do not hesitate to contact the Lead Student Ambassador.

The BPS has created a training package especially for you in this role. The training will provide you with a knowledge and overview of the BPS. It will be vital for you to attend this training before you start in your role. You will also be given access to specific training and development throughout your time as a Volunteer Student Ambassador, as our way of saying thank you for your support.

Any travel expenses will be pre-agreed internally through the BPS via a request submitted to your branch.

Knowledge, Skills and Behaviour.

Volunteers expressing an interest in this role will benefit from having a number of the following characteristics:

1. Excellent communication and listening skills.
2. A willingness to develop a raised profile within your institution and various partners.
3. Knowledge and understanding of the BPS and avenues into careers within psychology.
4. An awareness of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, how to promote this within your university.

5. Leading by example and dependability.
6. Team working skills.
7. Meeting skills, being able to organise and conduct meetings.
8. Negotiation and critical thinking.
9. Utilise own initiative and be proactive.