

BDA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOMINATIONS

2026/27

Board of Directors Position:

Student Member

Period of appointment:

September 2026 - September 2027

The Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the company, steering the strategic direction for the BDA and for the profession, as well as developing professional and trade union policy. This presents a significant opportunity for a student to develop their experience, skills and networking.

The Student Member on the Board of Directors is elected by student members to represent their interests and to provide a dietetic student perspective to Board activities. The student is not a Full member of the Association and therefore is not a Director of the Association, unlike the other Board members. However, they are expected to take a full role on the Board and be active on other Boards and Committees.

Role Description:

- Is a Member of the BDA Board of Directors and as such contributes to the wider business of the Association. As part of this role, the student will submit a report for each meeting.
- Communicates and liaises with the Association's student members, and potential members, as necessary.
- Writes an Annual Report for the Board and the AGM.
- Is involved with strategic planning and policy developments that affect student members.
- Is aware of and contributes to the BDA's financial, business planning and monitoring processes.
- Sits on any relevant sub-committees or working groups as may be appropriate.
- Visits the BDA Office as necessary and attends the Annual General Meeting and Awards event.
- By working closely with the office staff, is responsible for ensuring effective communication about activities relevant to student members to the Board and the wider membership, which includes the Student E-Zine magazine.

Time Commitment:

Estimated Time Commitment - There are usually six Board meetings a year: two or three meetings over two days and three or four meetings over one day. An overnight stay is usually required for two-day meetings. All meetings are in Birmingham. One day meetings often take place via teleconference. In addition, the student member may be required to sit on other working groups and committees throughout the year.

Term of Office:

This position is for a period of one year.

Induction:

A Board 'Induction Day' will be held, and training and development provided.

How to Apply:

Further details about being on the Board and an application/nomination information can be found on the BDA website. All applications to be sent via email to: s.tuohy@bda.uk.com

Please make sure that you obtain signatures (or emails of support) of four full BDA members and that you supply a CV.

Closing Date for applications: Sunday 31 May 2026