

Imperial College Union Leadership Election 2021 Key Dates

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Purpose: Union Council are asked to provide feedback on the Leadership Election 2021 dates and suggest amendments

1. Candidate promotion

It is likely that covid restrictions will persist into term 2 and as a result it will be challenging to reach interested students to encourage and engage them in running for positions. Therefore it is deemed sensible to start this process earlier. The Union will also prioritise the numbers of candidates and their experience in the election over other metrics used to measure Leadership Election performance. The Union will begin advertising and promoting to potential candidates in term 1 to encourage students to run for positions.

2. Leadership Election 2020 Timeline

For reference the timeline for LE20 is below, Nominations opened in week 5 of term 2.

Nominations Open	Noon Monday 3 February 2021
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 28 February 2021
Manifestos Due	14:00 Tuesday 3 March 2021
Candidate Briefing	Noon Wednesday 4 March 2021
Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning	14:00 Wednesday 4 March 2021
Voting Open	09:00 Monday 9 March 2021
Voting Close	14:00 Thursday 12 March 2021
Complaints deadline	17:00 Thursday 12 March 2021
Authorisation to run results	10:00 Friday 13 March 2021
Results announced	Friday 13 March 2021

3. Proposed Leadership Election 2021 Timeline

The below timeline matches the same weeks in the academic year of the 2019-20 election timetable ie Nominations open in week 5 of term.

Nominations Open	Noon Monday 8 February 2021
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 5 March 2021
Manifestos Due	14:00 Tuesday 9 March 2021
Candidate Briefing	Noon Wednesday 10 March 2021
Candidates Revealed / Start of campaigning	14:00 Wednesday 10 March 2021
Voting Open	09:00 Monday 15 March 2021
Voting Close	14:00 Thursday 18 March 2021
Complaints deadline	17:00 Thursday 18 March 2021
Authorisation to run results	10:00 Friday 19 March 2021
Results announced	Friday 19 March 2021

