

INDEPENDENT HIGHER EDUCATION

Join the IHE Student Advisory Board

Independent Higher Education (IHE) is seeking students to join our [Student Advisory Board \(SAB\)](#), the only board of its kind dedicated to amplifying the voices of students at independent higher education providers.

About IHE

IHE is the UK's membership organisation and representative body for independent higher education providers. We advocate for our members - specialist universities, colleges, schools, and academies - by representing their views and those of their students to government, regulators, and key stakeholders in the education sector.

We are excited to offer students the chance to [join our Student Advisory Board \(SAB\)](#) and help shape the future of higher education.

About you

We are looking for students who currently study at an [IHE member institution](#), are passionate about higher education, eager to represent their peers, and ready to engage in shaping national policy. No previous experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn and participate.

- You are a current student at an IHE member institution, aged 18 and over
- You are passionate about promoting the student voice in higher education
- You are committed to fully participating in the SAB
- You are able to express your opinion in a reasoned way, while listening to the views of others
- You are keen to represent students and contribute to IHE activities

Your role on the SAB

As a member of the SAB, you will:

- Participate in four online meetings a year (see '**Key dates**' on next page)
- Engage in ad-hoc opportunities to represent the student voice in IHE consultation responses, and help shape policy developments
- Provide feedback on a range of issues, such as those requested by IHE, the Office for Students (OfS), or the Department for Education (DfE)
- Co-create projects and initiatives that directly benefit students at IHE member institutions

Benefits

In return, you will gain access to up to **six free bespoke professional development and training workshops**, covering essential skills such as leadership, communication, and advocacy.

You will also have the opportunity to influence national policies, build valuable networks, and represent students at independent higher education providers.

- **Grow professionally:** Gain hands-on experience in leadership, governance, and advocacy, and lobbying, working alongside education professionals
- **Influence policy:** Shape national policies that directly impact students and the independent higher education sector
- **Build your network:** Connect with education experts, professionals, and peers
- **Amplify student voices:** Ensure student needs are heard at the highest levels

Key dates

The four online SAB meetings will all take place at 5pm–6pm (GMT) on the following dates:

- Monday 17 November 2025
- Monday 2 February 2025
- Monday 20 April 2025
- Monday 8 June 2025

How to apply

Please email apply@ihe.ac.uk by **Friday 31 October 2025** with:

- Your name, and the name of the independent provider where you are studying
- A few sentences outlining why you are interested in joining the SAB

Applications are also accepted on a rolling basis beyond this date, though we strongly encourage early applications to make the most of the benefits available.