



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS 2018 ELECTION CYCLE

Q: What is Bruins United?

A: Bruins United is a coalition of campus leaders who are committed to bettering the student experience for all. We meet weekly to talk about what's going on on campus and how we can work together to tackle common issues in our different spheres; we lead leadership development sessions, share opportunities for leadership across campus, and offer peer-to-peer mentorship for our members; and we support our members in their pursuit of an elected student government position – we've run as an official slate since our second year of existence.

Q: When was Bruins United founded and why?

A: In 2004, a coalition of student groups came together based on the shared belief that student government should not be the luxury of a handful of well-connected students, but the right of all who seek to serve. Bruins United advocated for equal access to funding, enhanced student spaces, and Bruin spirit. Their alliance was organized in recognition of the need for diverse representation to combat a system deadlocked by politicking and extreme statist partisanship. These students, despite their varied interests, backgrounds, beliefs, and experiences recognized that they were stronger together than they were apart.

Q: What is the difference between Bruins United and USAC?

A: While Bruins United is a coalition of student leaders from all pockets of campus who work together in their various capacities to make the school a better place, USAC - or, the Undergraduate Students Association Council - is the official undergraduate student government for the school and is an amalgamation of 14 offices with different directives and responsibilities. Bruins United runs candidates for USAC elections, but it does not do formal campus programming or policy-making.

Q: Do I have to have some USAC experience to run?

A: No! USAC is chartered to serving all members of the associated student body; your experience in other student organizations and communities is just as valid, if not even more important. One of the benefits of running with Bruins United is mentorship and student government skill-building from senior members of the party - all that you need is a commitment to bettering the student body.

Q: What if I don't know anyone in Bruins United?

A: Bruins United is unique in that it is currently the only open party for any student to join and get involved with. The organization was founded as a collective of student leaders and recognizes the need to constantly expand and include other voices in order to truly represent the needs of the student body.

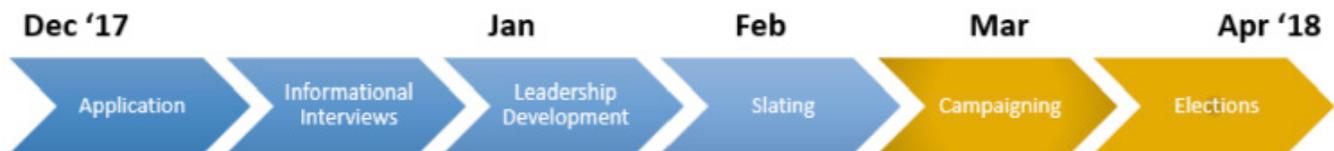
Q: What is the timeline of running for USAC with Bruins United?

A: If you decide to apply to run for USAC with Bruins United, **applications** for consideration will be accepted on a rolling basis beginning on November 30, 2017 at 10:00pm, and the earlier you apply, the sooner we will be able to work with you in the next stages of application. No applications will be accepted after January 21, 2018 at 11:59pm.

After you submit an application, we will begin a process of **informational interviews** to find out more about you and your goals and to give you the opportunity to learn more about USAC, Bruins United, and the elections process. At the interviews you will also receive a packet with more information about next steps.

Following the closure of our application process in late January, we will begin our **4-week Leadership Development process**, where you will help lead breakout sessions at weekly meetings, attend weekly leadership development sessions, and work to get to know UCLA better. At the end of the Leadership Development process, we will hold **candidate debates** for you to demonstrate why you should be part of the Bruins United slate. The party will submit anonymous input on applicant preference, and our leadership team will ultimately announce the slate at a general party meeting in February.

Elections occur halfway through Spring Quarter, so the time between February and May will be dedicated to further leadership development and general campaigning.



Q: What if I don't want to run for USAC, but I still want to get involved?

A: Bruins United has a place for everyone who wants to join in any capacity. If you're not interested in running for USAC, you can be a campaign manager, work on a campaign team, or lead your own issue-based initiative or campaign. Additionally, many members of Bruins United are involved in a ton of other spaces on campus and would be more than happy to help you get involved in their respective organizations and activities.

Q: Who should I contact with any questions about Bruins United or about the application?

A: Email **BruinsUnited.UCLA@gmail.com** with any questions about our organization or the application; we'd love to hear from you!

Q: What are the positions available?

A: Below is a short description of each of the 14 USAC offices. Note that Bruins United does not run candidates for all positions, and the slate will consist of at most one candidate for each position (with the exception of the General Representative position which may consist of up to 3 candidates). The make-up of the slate will depend on the quality of applications received.

President

The USAC President chairs the council meetings and also oversees an extensive appointment process to many important campus and community boards. As the highest public elected official, the USAC President often represents the Association in meetings with administrators and other stakeholders on a variety of topics.

Internal Vice President (“IVP”)

The Internal Vice President is responsible for working with student groups and engaging them in Association initiatives and programs. The Internal Vice President also sets the council agenda.

External Vice President (“EVP”)

The External Vice President represents the Association to all external stakeholders; this traditionally involves local, state, and federal lawmakers regarding university and higher education policy. The External Vice President oversees Association-sponsored student advocacy and also represents the Association to the University of California Student Association (UCSA).

General Representatives (3 seats)

The General Representative position has great constitutional flexibility. General Representatives are free to pursue their own platforms and initiatives during their tenure.

Transfer Student Representative (“TSR”)

The Transfer Student Representative works to address the needs of the transfer and non-traditional student body while representing concerns to the council.

Academic Affairs Commissioner (“AAC”)

The Academic Affairs Commissioner serves as the liaison between the Association and the Academic Senate, while also advocating for matters of educational policy and academic affairs. The Academic Affairs Commission also traditionally

provides programs, initiatives, and activities that promote and enhance the educational environment at UCLA.

Facilities Commissioner (“FAC”)

The Facilities Commission works to improve upon campus infrastructure, resources and space availability, safety, and the environment to ensure that they are accessible and responsive to the needs of the Association.

Financial Supports Commissioner (“FSC”)

The Financial Supports Commission works to address financial issues related to affordability, financial literacy and wellness, employment, financial aid, and housing through research, advocacy and programming.

Campus Events Commissioner (“CEC”)

The Campus Events Commissioner works to provide Association-sponsored entertainment to the campus via speakers, films, concerts, etc.

Cultural Affairs Commissioner (“CAC”)

The Cultural Affairs Commissioner works to provide quality programming with cultural, political, and social relevance to the Association. The commission is focused on “edutainment” (education + entertainment), arts activism, and student-run programs that ignite dialogue.

Community Service Commissioner (“CSC”)

The Community Service Commissioner oversees 40 student-run service projects under the commission’s purview which is a center for the service efforts of the campus community via large-scale service programming and advocacy.

Student Wellness Commission (“SWC”)

The Student Wellness Commission addresses issues concerning students’ physical and mental health, campus safety, academic success, retention, and awareness through programming and issue-