

# **Arts at University of Southampton**

## **Arts Ambassadors Opportunity Description**

Arts at University of Southampton is an internal team representing the inspiring arts and culture at the University and in the cities of Southampton and Winchester. We are launching Arts Ambassadors, a pilot scheme, and are looking for students who are enthusiastic and curious about music, theatre, design, and everything in between to become ambassadors for the University's vibrant creative scene. Arts Ambassadors will provide you with unique opportunities and an invaluable insight into the world of Arts at University of Southampton.

### Who are Arts Ambassadors?

Arts Ambassadors are a small group of enthusiastic volunteers who will play a **crucial role** in the promotion and development of the wide-range of activities throughout the university and beyond. Your role is to **champion the arts** and **encourage other students** to get involved, whilst also representing student perspectives in order to enhance the student experience.

#### What do Arts Ambassadors do?

As an Arts Ambassador, you'll play a key part in supporting Arts at University of Southampton such as representing us at **public-facing events**, developing and delivering **social media campaigns**, and creating **written and visual content** for our **arts blog**. Arts Ambassadors will also work closely with their faculties and various student societies that showcase and promote the dynamic activity throughout the University.

There will be opportunities to **gain professional experience** with the University's **internationally renowned public arts venues** <u>John Hansard Gallery</u> and <u>Turner Sims</u> concert hall, as well as an introduction to <u>Nuffield Southampton Theatres</u>, all of which provides an insight and a behind-the-scenes look into how the arts work.

Being an Arts Ambassador is an excellent opportunity to **meet new people**, **learn new skills**, and to **develop yourself outside of your degree**. You'll be supported with **career development advice** and access to **arts professionals** working in a variety of specialist roles.

## Who are we looking for?

This opportunity is open to students from all disciplines and courses; all you need to be is **enthusiastic and curious** about the arts. All candidates must be **currently enrolled** at the University of Southampton, be in their **second year of study or above**, and possess **good English and IT skills**.

An ideal candidate:

- Is interested in gaining experience in marketing, PR, and social media
- Is keen to get experience in a professional arts environment
- Is interested in working on the ground at arts events
- Is open to a wide range of experiences in order to develop their skills and knowledge
- Is a good communicator and able to convey their knowledge, enthusiasm and ideas
- Is **collaborative** and interested in working with people from a variety of backgrounds
- Has an interest in building professional arts and creative industries networks
- Has good time management and is able to work independently and as part of a wider team
- Possesses good initiative and problem solving skills

**Duration:** Minimum one term to one academic year, starting with an Induction in November **Time commitment:** Varies – averaging about half day per week or equivalent