



## Call for students to join the ESU Quality Assurance Student Experts' Pool for the membership term 2021/2022

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The Steering Committee of ESU's Quality Assurance (QA) Student Experts' Pool hereby opens a **call for 90 members** for the membership term 2021/2022. All applications must be submitted until **14th of June, 2021 at 23:59 CEST**, by filling out the following [application form](#) and uploading the necessary documents.

The [ESU's Quality Assurance Student Experts Pool](#) has been established to promote student engagement in quality assurance and to contribute to the improvement of higher education provision in the European Higher Education Area. It aims to develop ESU as a crucial partner for quality assurance agencies in Europe and to play a leading role in quality assurance policy developments.

For these purposes, members of the pool are trained and can be nominated to participate in quality assurance procedures e.g. reviews, thus promoting student participation in quality assurance processes across Europe. Through the pool, ESU also undertakes capacity-building and development activities in quality assurance in higher education on the national level, in cooperation with the National Students' Union members of ESU.

During the past years, ESU has organised several trainings at the European level. So far, ESU has nominated an increasing number of students to take part in various international external evaluations organized by different quality assurance agencies all over Europe. Furthermore, ESU is cooperating with the Institutional Evaluation Programme of the European University Association (EUA) and is nominating students for external reviews of quality assurance agencies for the purposes of determining membership in the European Association of Quality Assurance (ENQA) and/or inclusion in the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR).

Benefits for being a member of QA Pool:

- learning about European higher education;
- possibility to be involved in quality assurance processes at programme, institutional, national and international levels (e.g. evaluations of institutions and quality assurance agencies);
- possibility to participate in quality assurance governing bodies such as in those of quality assurance agencies;
- receiving regular updates about the newest developments in the field of quality assurance;



- opportunities to attend external quality assurance events;
- possibilities for networking with other people interested in topic of quality assurance;
- opportunities to participate in specially designed trainings for experts;
- opportunities to develop transferable skills, such as communication skills, peer assessment, etc.

Tasks and responsibilities that can be expected from ESU's QA Pool members:

- share knowledge and experience in quality assurance;
- discuss topics in quality assurance and/or student involvement;
- identify themselves as members of ESU's QA Student Experts Pool;
- willingness to adhere to quality assurance operational procedures and commit time as necessary;
- act as multiplier agents in their respective countries;
- promote the ESU's QA Student Experts' Pool;
- disseminate articles or any other documents related to quality assurance among student experts in QA at national and international level;
- inform the pool about any quality assurance-related events;
- give feedback on reports, ESU policy papers, or similar documents;
- provide feedback about reviews, trainings and conferences to the Steering Committee of ESU's QA Student Experts Pool;
- enhance student participation in quality assurance in higher education;
- attend meetings and training sessions organized for ESU's QA Student Experts Pool members;
- contribute towards the preparation of meetings and training sessions;
- contribute to ESU's solidarity fund to cover administrative costs and support the sustainability of the QA Pool, in case of being remunerated as a consequence of their membership .

## **Selection**

In the selection process, we aim to ensure an adequate balance of participants by country and region in the European Higher Education Area, study field, level of study and type of higher education, as well as a balance of participants of each gender, according to ESU's Gender Mainstreaming Strategy.

Current members of the pool are invited to apply as well, if they wish to continue their membership in the pool.



### **Criteria for selection:**

- Registered higher education student (at any level) or recently graduated (within 1 year) - only if continuing membership;
- Previous experience in various levels of quality assurance in higher education, especially participation in reviews or review-like activities;
- Demonstration of motivation to join the ESU QA Pool and contribute to promote student participation in Quality Assurance of higher education;
- Experience in student representation;
- Excellent command of English.

### **Looked upon favorably:**

- Letter of support from organizations or institutions involved with quality assurance, higher education policies and/or student representation;
- Ability to work in languages other than English (such as French, German or Spanish).

For any queries you can reach us at [gapoolsc@esu-online.org](mailto:gapoolsc@esu-online.org). Responsible persons for this call are Liv Teresa Muth, Michał Goszczyński and Irina Duma on behalf of the Steering Committee of the ESU QA Pool, and Jakub Grodecki and Pegi Pavletic on behalf of the ESU's Presidency respectively Executive Committee.

### **Announcement for selected applicants:**

For all those student experts that will be selected, we are already happy to announce that there will be an introductory session for the ESU Quality Assurance Student Experts' Pool members, organized by the Steering Committee, and two training sessions organized by ESU in partnership with The Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (**NVAO**):

1. **Welcome to the ESU QA Pool - introductory session;**
2. **Overview of Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area - History, Purpose and Standards;**
3. **Reviews in Practice - a toolkit for student experts.**