

BASW

Student Ambassador

APPLICATIONS OPEN - APPLY NOW!

The BASW Student Ambassador (BSA) role is designed to be the bridge between social work students and the British Association of Social Workers (BASW). BSAs ensure BASW listens to the voices of students, while also acting as a conduit for students to obtain a better understanding of how BASW support people who have chosen to qualify as social workers.

The BSA scheme is co-produced between BASW, current students, University programmes and the BASW UK student and NQSW group.

BSAs are the link between their student group and BASW. You can be studying on undergraduate or post graduate programmes, through apprenticeships, fast track programmes or academies. You will be a student leader at your university, proactive in reaching out to your peers and sharing the views of students with BASW.

BSAs will gain skills including building relationships and being an approachable support to other student colleagues. You will actively listen to your peers, find innovative ways to gather information and communicate effectively with BASW in giving feedback - interpersonal and communication skills which are crucial for effective social work practice.

Ambassadors are offered opportunities to be involved in BASW projects. BSAs have previously produced their own events and projects centred around greater understanding of the social work student experience including issues faced, BASW student support, social work career options and BASW student member benefits.

BASW Support for BSAs	BSA Support from BASW
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Free BASW membership for the duration of your BSA tenure (SWU membership & journal add-ons remain payable). ❖ BASW staff member point of contact for ongoing support. ❖ Support through regular online UK BSA network meetings. ❖ Discounted access to BASW's Student CPD online training programme co-produced with students. ❖ A hoodie and a badge identifying you as BASW BSA in your university. ❖ Statement or reference of your work in the BSA role on request. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ A commitment from you to undertake the role for the academic year in which you apply. ❖ To share a link to a film about membership benefits developed for students to peers as part of their induction. ❖ Ask you for feedback about the key issues from students to make BASW aware of. ❖ We may ask you to consult with your peers regarding specific events or campaigns. ❖ We may ask you to be 'critical friends' for different aspects of social work education, placements and moving into employment as newly qualified social workers.

How to apply:

We are looking to recruit up to 50 Ambassadors. Please send your CV and a supporting statement (maximum 300 words) on 'Why I would make a great BASW Student Ambassador in my university' to ProfDe@basw.co.uk citing "BASW Student Ambassador" in the email subject.

If you would like an informal discussion about the role, please contact Gaby Zavoli BASW Project and Volunteer Engagement Co-ordinator gabriella.zavoli@basw.co.uk or on 07702517556.

The closing date for applications is October 31st 2022