

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – UARCTIC BOARD MEMBERS AND STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

The UArctic Nominations Committee is kindly requesting that UArctic member institutions come forward with proposals for individuals who could serve on the UArctic Board.

UArctic is a cooperative network of over 200 institutional members – including universities, colleges, research institutions and indigenous peoples’ organizations concerned with education and research in and about the North. We are a distinctive network—the only international network of its kind in the Arctic—and we are among the largest university networks in the world.

The Board of UArctic is our highest governing body and has general responsibility for UArctic’s strategic development and setting main priorities, including finances and staffing. The Board consists of **nine to fifteen** individuals (including the Chair), in addition to a student representative with two alternates, all whom serve in their personal capacities (see list of [Current Board members](#)). In addition see section 4 of the [UArctic Bylaws](#) for full details of Board member responsibilities and elections.

**The General Assembly** of UArctic which has responsibility for appointing the **members of the Board** is seeking to fill 2-4 open positions on the Board including **the student representative** in their meeting in May 2026 in the Faroe Islands, Denmark.

The **Board members** are appointed for a three-year term and should reflect the following qualifications:

- Commitment to the mission and values of UArctic
- Personal integrity
- Freedom from conflicts of interest
- Demonstrated judgement
- Willingness to commit time and energy to UArctic
- High credibility with key UArctic constituencies
- Not personally bankrupt

Appointed for a three-year term a **student representative** on UArctic’s Board should be:

- A registered student from a UArctic member institution (at the time of appointment)
- In good academic standing, and preferably having participated in a UArctic activity
- Able to represent a variety of student interests connected to the North
- Able to make the time commitment necessary (approx. 5hrs/month)
- Be willing to maintain close communications with relevant student organizations.

In nominating and selecting members of the Board, efforts should be made to ensure broad geographic and cultural representation and gender balance as well as indigenous representation. In particular, the Nominations Committee is seeking to increase indigenous representation on the Board.

**Members of UArctic** are invited to submit preliminary nominations **to the Secretary of the Nominations Committee ([Outi.Snellman@uarctic.org](mailto:Outi.Snellman@uarctic.org))** by **10<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**. **Submissions** should include:

- Nomination letter/ commitment of support from the nominating organization
- Bio or CV from the nominee
- Letter of motivation from the nominee

***Following an evaluation, UArctic’s Nominations Committee will submit a proposal to the Assembly, who will then vote to elect the new Board member(s) and student representative during their meeting in May.***