



# STUDENTS' UNION

## UNIVERSITY FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

**Title: Annual Affiliation Approval - The Triple A**

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**Purpose: To submit and approve our affiliations to external organisations**

## Introduction

Each year, under the 1994 Education Act the Students' Union is required to review and approve any organisations which the Students' Union affiliates to. This is required by law and ensures we're making the best choices for UCA students.

UCASU is currently a member of two NUS organisations: NUS UK and NUS Charity. These memberships help us support students better and give us a voice on national issues.

This paper explains what these memberships cost, what benefits they provide, and why we think they're important. We'll be voting on whether to continue these memberships for the next academic year.

## NUS UK Affiliation

NUS UK is the national campaigning and representative body for students in the UK. Our affiliation allows us to participate in national campaigns, access support and training, and have our voice heard on issues affecting students.

Annual affiliation fee for 2024-25: £8,380

## NUS Charity Affiliation

NUS Charity provides services, support and development opportunities for students' unions. Our affiliation gives us access to advice, guidance and resources to help strengthen our union.

Annual affiliation fee for 2024-25: £2,095

## Benefits of Affiliation

Through these affiliations we gain access to the following benefits:

- Access to national campaigns and representation

- Training and development opportunities for officers and staff
- Advice and support services
- Networking with other students' unions
- Discounts and deals for students through NUS Extra card

## **Recommendation**

The Trustee Board recommends that members vote to continue UCASU's affiliations to both NUS UK and NUS Charity for the coming year, as they provide valuable support and opportunities that benefit our members. The total cost of £10,475 represents an investment in strengthening our union and enhancing the student experience.