

STUDENT TRAINING AND RECOGNITION SCHEME

The UUSU Student Training and Rewards Scheme, or STARS for short aims to recognise societies in their efforts across the year to offer a great student experience to their members.

Engaging with STARS is a fantastic opportunity for societies to demonstrate the amazing things they do, gain accreditation for their efforts and provide inspiration to their successors and other societies as to what they can do in the future.

WHAT ACCREDITATION LEVELS ARE THERE?

Your society can aim for a Bronze, Silver or Gold award.

- To achieve Bronze status, your society must complete all criteria from the Bronze category.
- To achieve Silver or Gold status, your society must first have achieved Bronze status in addition to meeting additional criteria from the silver and gold categories.
You'll need to provide evidence to show that you have met the criteria for silver and gold STARS.

BRONZE AWARD

If you complete all these criteria, your society will obtain Bronze STARS.

CRITERIA	DETAILS
Promote your society to students	Attend Freshers and Re-Freshers fayres
Deliver a welcome event for your members each semester	One event in Semester 1 after Freshers and one event in semester 2 after Re-Freshers
At least one society rep should attend UUSU Society Forum	You can see the dates and times of the forums here
Maintain an up-to-date society page on the SU website (to include communicating with members via email)	We have guidance on how to update your society web page here
Communicate with the Student Activities Team	Respond to messages on MS Teams. Attend catch up meetings

SILVER & GOLD AWARD

If you meet all bronze criteria plus one additional criteria from each category below, you will be awarded Silver STARS

If you achieve all bronze criteria plus one additional criteria from each category below, plus any other five criteria, you will be awarded Gold STARS.

TOP TIP

We recommend that you keep evidence of how you meet each criteria throughout the year. Store photos, take screenshots and save online posts from the UUSU website and socials.

CATEGORY 1: CAMPAIGNS AND DEMOCRACY

Gather feedback from members and use it to influence decisions within your society

Actively participate with SU events or initiatives.

Deliver an event to raise awareness of your societies' cause, campaign or views

Work with the campus society rep or society council rep to bring forward a motion of change on behalf of your society

Support democracy by hosting an event to encourage members to vote in UUSU elections

CATEGORY 2: COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND COLLABORATION

Collaborate with another society on an event or project

Collaborate with a society on another campus or university

Promote opportunities for volunteering to your members

Organise a fundraising project / event

CATEGORY 3: INCLUSIVITY AND WELLBEING

Deliver a wellbeing initiative or event for your members

Actively engage minority groups, UUSU networks, and typically less-engaged students in your society activity

Actively promote & engage with a UUSU welfare campaign

Hold at least 2 alcohol free events per semester

CATEGORY 4: PROMOTION AND ENGAGEMENT

Maintain an active online presence on at least one social platform & collaborate with UUSU on at least one occasion per semester

List event tickets or society merch on the UUSU website

Course Related societies - hold an event to introduce your course reps to your society members

CATEGORY 5: LEGACY AND LONGEVITY

Organise a rep development session to develop and strengthen your society leadership

Actively engage in fundraising to sustain your society's finances

Identify a full complement of society reps to run your society in the coming academic year

