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Academic Board

Notice of Election

Election of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Member of Academic Staff to the Academic Board

Term of office: 1 April 2026 and concluding 31 March 2028

Following the call for nominations for the election of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander continuing or fixed-term member of academic staff to Academic Board, two (2) valid nominations were received by the close of nominations on 5:00pm, Friday 12 June 2026.

An election will therefore be conducted to determine which candidate will be elected as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander continuing or fixed-term member of academic staff to Academic Board, for a term of office commencing from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2028.

The candidates are listed below in alphabetical order:

- Naomi Greaves
- Vanessa Russ

Voting instructions

The election will be conducted using Curtin University's electronic voting system "**Simply Voting**". On the day that voting opens, you will receive an email from Simply Voting which contains your Elector ID and a randomly generated password.

Please note, the generated email from Simply Voting may be sent to your junk or clutter mail folder. Please ensure that you check your junk mail if you cannot find the email. The electronic link to the Simply Voting website is <https://curtin.simplyvoting.com>. Click on this link to gain access to the site.

Once you have entered your Elector ID and your randomly generated password you may vote in the election. The list of candidates will appear in a random order. If the candidate has provided a statement supporting their case for election or a photograph you may click on their name to view the statement and/or photograph.

In this election:

1. Voting will begin at 9:00am, Tuesday 23 June 2026 and close at 5:00pm, Monday 6 July 2026. Please note that Simply Voting will not accept votes outside of these times. You must vote for at least one (1) candidate.
2. Place the numeral “1” in the box beside your candidate of first preference.
3. You may choose to express a preference for some or all of the remaining candidates. Place the numerals “2”, “3” and so on in numerical order in the box beside the candidate or candidates for whom you wish to express a second or any subsequent preference.
4. Simply Voting will invite you to check your ballot choices before you submit your vote.
5. Once the vote is confirmed it may not be recalled and you will not be able to vote again.
6. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes, following the distribution of preferences, will be declared elected as the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Member of Academic Staff on Academic Board, for a term of office commencing on 1 April 2026 and concluding 31 March 2028.
7. The candidate who receives the second highest number of votes, following the distribution of preferences, will be declared elected as the Deputy to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Member of Academic Staff on Academic Board, for a term of office commencing on 1 April 2026 and concluding 31 March 2028.

Counting of votes and announcement of election result

Votes will be counted as soon as practicable after the voting period ends.

The result of the election will be declared by the Returning Officer on Wednesday 8 July 2026 and all candidates will be notified of the election result in writing.

The outcome of the election will be published on the Curtin Elections website and by email to:

Kristi Jarvis

Director, Secretariat and Council Secretary

Returning Officer

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

Naomi GREAVES

I'm a Wagadagam woman, from Badu and Mabuiag Islands, living on Whadjuk Country for 30 years. As an Indigenous academic and educational leader, I have extensive experience in teaching, school leadership, curriculum development and culturally responsive practice. I recently joined Curtin's Centre for Aboriginal Studies, where my work includes academic leadership, curriculum renewal and supporting high-quality learning experiences for Indigenous students.

I believe Indigenous voices should be present within the structures that shape Curtin's academic priorities, policies and standards. I would bring a strong commitment to academic quality, integrity and improvement, alongside a relational, culturally informed approach to governance. My leadership experience has taught me to listen carefully, examine evidence, ask questions and consider how policies and systems affect people in practice. I would remain attentive to the diverse perspectives of Indigenous staff while acting thoughtfully and responsibly in the best interests of the University and community.



Vanessa RUSS

I am an Aboriginal woman with connections to Ngarinyin/Gija people in the Kimberley, WA. I graduated the University of New South Wales (Degree Fine Arts) and the University of Western Australia (PhD Fine Art). I have extensive experience as a professional staff member managing the Berndt Museum at UWA, a significant Aboriginal collection; and teaching/research at the University of Melbourne (UoM). I led the UoM KPI for Indigenous Strategy on Indigenous Collections including, the Place for Indigenous Art and Culture, the transfer of the Donald Thomson Collection and Repatriation. I was one a key person in developing the HASS and Indigenous Research Data Commons work for the Australian Data Research Commons, and I delivered presentations for the UoM partnership with Hokkaido University, Japan, and the built relationships with the Ainu community. I am currently on the Royal Perth Hospital Art Foundation Advisory Committee and the Art Collective WA Board.

