



## 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 demonstrate professional curiosity, 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 centered 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

- ❖ 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 online training programme.
- ❖ A hoodie identifying you as BASW BSA in your university.
- ❖ Statement or reference of your work in the BSA role on request.

- ❖ We will ask a commitment from you to undertake the role while you remain a student.
- ❖ To share information and materials about BASW membership benefits with your student peers.
- ❖ 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:

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](mailto:ProfDe@basw.co.uk) citing

"BASW Student Ambassador" in the email subject.

*The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024*