

# Vice President of Education: BME Student Survey

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You are being invited to take part in a research project. Before you decide to take part, it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully and discuss it with others if you wish. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

Throughout, the acronym BME will appear quite frequently. BME refers to individuals of a Black or ethnic minority origin (including for example Bangladeshi, Pakistani, Indian, Indian other, Chinese, Asian other, Black African, Black Caribbean, other Black backgrounds, White and Asian mixed, White and African Caribbean mixed, other mixed).

## Why we are running this survey now

Here at the Students' Union at Bournemouth University (SUBU), we are committed to promoting equal opportunities for all students and addressing racial inequalities, to ensure that an inclusive culture and environment remains at the centre of everything we do. To help facilitate our progress, our Vice President of Education – Lenrick Greaves - is collaborating with SUBU's ACS (African and Caribbean Society), Black Students Campaign and the AAEM (Asian, Arab, ethnic minority) campaign to ensure that the BME student voice is effectively heard and represented.

## What is the purpose of the project?

We want to understand your lived experience whilst studying at Bournemouth University. For example, do you feel confident enough to share your thoughts in lecture and/or seminars? Do you think Bournemouth University does enough to protect BME students from hate crimes?

This survey is one of the ways in which you can be involved in shaping both BU and SUBU's approaches to better supporting all BME students, present and future. We will communicate with you regularly to keep you up-to-date with the research findings and recommendations that will emerge from the results.

It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do decide to take part, you will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a participant agreement form. If you would be happy to be contacted in order to be involved further in this work, please leave your contact details at the end of the survey. You can withdraw from participation during the survey at any time and without giving a reason. If you decide to withdraw we will usually remove any data collected about you from the study. Once the surveys have finished you may still be able to withdraw your data up to the point where the data is analysed and incorporated into the research findings or outputs. At this point your data will usually become anonymous, so your identity cannot be determined, and it may not be possible to identify your data within the anonymous dataset. Withdrawing your data at this point may also adversely affect the validity and integrity of the research.

## Why take part?

Whilst there are no immediate benefits for those people participating in the project, it is hoped that the results from this work will be used (as stated above), to help shape and better the experience of BME students at BU.

This survey is part of our VP Education's campaign, "Why is my curriculum white?" This campaign aims to explore and tackle the various disparities that might be contributing to the BME Attainment gap. Therefore, by taking part in this survey, you are helping us to identify key areas for improvement, and ways to make those improvements.

## Open Text Boxes

Throughout this survey, you will find that there is a combination of fixed questions and answers and open text boxes. Please expand on your own answers wherever possible. We at SUBU want to understand your experiences whilst studying at BU; the more information you provide us with, the more we can understand where and how we can improve.

## Data security and anonymity

Throughout the survey, please only answer the questions with which you are comfortable.

Individual survey responses will only be viewed and accessed by a limited group of people - VP Education, SUBU's Insight and Policy Department, and BU's Race Equality Charter Group.

Your survey responses will help us to understand BME student experiences at BU and all of your feedback will be kept confidential by the people described above. We will never use your data to individually identify you. We will not contact you about your individual responses and we will not share your data in an identifiable form with anyone else. Any information used in reports shared with BU and others will be anonymised.

We will retain the survey responses until the analysis is complete. After this the responses will be permanently deleted, but we will retain the analysis of the responses in an anonymised statistical format.

## Data protection

Both BU and SUBU are data controllers of any personal data you provide in this survey. For more information about our approach to data protection, including who to contact with any questions or concerns, please use these links:

For BU: <https://www1.bournemouth.ac.uk/about/governance/access-information/data-protection-privacy/student-privacy-notice>

For SUBU: <https://www.subu.org.uk/privacy>

If you have any questions about this survey that have not been answered by this information page, please contact: [suvpeducation@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:suvpeducation@bournemouth.ac.uk)