

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE



Aireen Khan

Coursework | Juris Doctor |
Faculty of Law

Top Priorities

1. Cultural nuance
2. Accessibility
3. Impact

Why I'm nominating

My professional and personal skill set makes me an apt candidate for this role.

"Focus on greater representation of marginalised student voices including access to education and educational resources"

I am a second-year Juris Doctor candidate at Monash University and currently serve as the Postgraduate Director of Social Justice and Equity (SJE) within the Monash Law Students' Society. I play an active managerial and administrative role in working to promote inclusive and culturally nuanced initiatives and improve accessibility to opportunities for students from marginalised, and socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds.

Alongside my studies, I work as an Electorate Officer for Tom McIntosh MP, where I engage directly with community members, stakeholders, and engage with policy issues. This experience has strengthened my communication and people management skills and my ability to action constituent issues. These are transferable skills that I will bring to the Monash Graduate Association Executive Committee.

Additionally, I am a freelance Indian classical dance instructor who independently leads dance workshops tailored for the South Asian community of Melbourne.

My overarching endeavour for the SJE portfolio is to make law school a more meaningful experience for students from all walks of life and advocate for underrepresented voices. As an elder sister of a sibling with neuromuscular dystrophy, I am unequivocally passionate about improving equity of access to academic, professional, and social opportunities.

If elected as a General Representative, I am confident that I can leverage my rich and diverse skill set to and contribute to policy discussions, advocate for practical and inclusive initiatives, and represent graduate student voices with integrity, purpose and a rich cultural understanding.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Akshita Sinha

Coursework | Masters of Counselling |
Faculty of Education

"Connect with my graduate community and empower them by understanding and supporting the varying needs that comes with being in widely different phases of life "

Top Priorities

1. Community building
2. Increase accessibility to support
3. Lobby for graduate cohort concerns

Why I'm nominating

To be the voice of the graduate people and do my part in making our community a safe, inclusive and supportive space.

Hey everyone, I'm Akshita Sinha, and I believe in acceptance and inclusivity above all else. In today's world, with everything going on, one of the most important things we can do is continue playing our part to make help as accessible and our voices as loud as possible.

As a queer, desi, and neurodivergent person, I understand firsthand the impact that genuine support can have. I want to do my part in making sure our graduate cohorts (with their diverse social, cultural, economic, and familial needs) have their voices heard and their needs met as much as possible.

There are so many resources available to us, and I want to help bridge the gap between their existence in theory and real, practical access to them. I have lived and loved because of the community that showed up for me with kindness and acceptance, and I am deeply passionate about paying that forward by supporting any and every individual I can.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Alfia Estitika

Coursework | Power System Engineering |
Faculty of Engineering

"If elected, I will gather student feedback, promote inclusive events, strengthen communication, and advocate for practical improvements that better support graduate students' experiences."

Top Priorities

1. Amplify graduate student voices
2. Promote inclusion and wellbeing
3. Create stronger community connections

Why I'm nominating

I am nominating because I want to actively contribute to a more inclusive, connected, and supportive graduate student community.

As an Electrical Engineering student, I am passionate about innovation, collaboration, and making a meaningful contribution to the student community. Moving to Melbourne as an international student in a double master's degree program has given me firsthand experience of both the opportunities and the challenges that come with starting a new chapter in a new environment. These experiences have inspired me to help create a student community where everyone feels supported, included, and heard.

My academic and professional experiences across multidisciplinary projects have shown me the value of combining technical knowledge with empathy, teamwork, and creative problem-solving. They have also reinforced my belief that strong representation begins with listening. Every student brings a unique perspective, and I believe our graduate community is strongest when that diversity is respected and reflected

If elected to the MGA committee, I will work to strengthen student connections, encourage a stronger sense of belonging, and advocate for student voices to be meaningfully represented. I will bring responsibility, integrity, and a proactive approach to the role, with a focus on delivering practical improvements that benefit the broader student community.

To me, leadership is about service. It is about showing up, listening carefully, and taking action where it matters. I am ready to contribute with dedication and purpose to help build a more inclusive, connected, and empowering environment for all students.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Ananya Verma

Coursework | Master of Design |
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

"I will amplify student voices, push for better awareness, opportunities, create impactful events, and ensure MGA support reaches every student, especially international students."

Top Priorities

1. Make MGA services truly visible
2. Strengthen student community and networking
3. Create opportunities and promote safety

Why I'm nominating

I aim to be a proactive voice that represents, connects and empowers graduate students across Monash. Also bridge the gap between students and MGA services.

I am Ananya Verma, a Master's student in Interaction Design. I am running for the position of General Representative. With a multidisciplinary background in computer science and design, I bring a user centered perspective to student representation, one that prioritises real needs, inclusivity and meaningful impact.

My journey at Monash has been shaped by active involvement in student communities. I have organised a startup pitch event supporting emerging founders with Humans of Australia (media startup), currently serve as a Design Officer at MADA, where I work on initiatives that help with student engagement and networking. Professionally, I work as a UX Advisor for a startup focused on helping ADHD students, which has strengthened my understanding of accessibility and diverse student experiences.

One of my defining experiences was being a victim of a cyber scam as an international student. While MGA support was invaluable, it highlighted a critical gap, many students are unaware of the resources available to them. This drives my motivation to advocate for better awareness, communication and support systems across all campuses.

If elected, I aim to contribute to initiatives that strengthen community, improve access to opportunities and ensure student voices are heard. I want to support workshops, networking platforms and awareness campaigns that address key issues such as mental health, safety and career development.

I am passionate about leadership, communication and building inclusive communities. As a General Representative, I aim to be a proactive voice that represents, connects and empowers graduate students across Monash.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja

*Coursework | Master of International Relations |
Faculty of Arts*

My name is Hanny, and I am an international graduate student completing a Master of International Relations at Monash University's Clayton campus. I am applying for the General Representative position because I believe every graduate student, regardless of background, faculty, or course type, deserves a strong, informed voice in the decisions that shape their university experience.

I am currently serving as the International Students' Officer on the MGA Executive Committee, where I have represented international graduate students, engaged with institutional decision-making, and worked collaboratively with relevant bodies to address student concerns. I have strongly supported and advocated for policy changes that address the most pressing challenges facing international graduate students. This includes liaising with Monash University committees, MGA staff and members, and external support organisations to connect students with practical resources across key areas such as cost-of-living pressures, financial hardship, housing, and employment and visa matters. With my term concluding mid-year, I am eager to continue my contribution and work in the Committee by applying for the General Representative position.

I am committed to bringing initiative, accountability, and a genuine commitment to ensuring that all graduate students at Monash feel supported, represented, and heard. In the following term, I would prioritise several key areas: strengthening academic support resources, improving student wellbeing support, and contributing to advocacy and policy changes on student matters that deeply affect students.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

James Damches

Coursework | Juris Doctor |
Faculty of Law

"Advocate for postgraduate interests, deliver practical initiatives, strengthen Law Chambers representation, improve engagement, and work collaboratively to ensure MGA decisions reflect student needs and outcomes."

Top Priorities

1. Strengthen postgraduate engagement
2. Advocate for practical academic and career support
3. Ensure strong, consistent representation

Why I'm nominating

I am nominating to represent postgraduate students, strengthen engagement, advocate for practical outcomes, and ensure Law Chambers voices are meaningfully included in MGA decision making.

I am currently completing my Juris Doctor at Monash University and serve as Director of the Law Students' Society Postgraduate campus. In that role, I have worked closely with postgraduate students to understand what they actually want from their university experience, whether that is better academic support, more relevant events, or stronger connections to industry.

Through the LSS, I have been involved in organising events, engaging with students, and advocating for practical initiatives that make a difference. A big focus for me has been ensuring postgraduate law students feel included and represented, particularly given how different our experience can be compared to undergraduate cohorts.

I am nominating for the General Committee of the Monash Graduate Association because I want to continue that work on a broader scale. I am particularly interested in representing students within the Law Chambers cohort and making sure their perspectives are heard in MGA discussions and decisions.

I bring a straightforward and collaborative approach. I am focused on outcomes, whether that is improving student engagement, building stronger networks, or ensuring postgraduate voices are taken seriously. I am keen to contribute in a practical way and work with others to improve the postgraduate experience at Monash.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Jay Rohit Sharma

Coursework | Masters in IT |

Faculty of Information Technology

"Listen to students, escalate their concerns/queries, take action and bring changes."

Top Priorities

1. More networking events
2. More food distributions to support nutrition and affordability
3. Better lounge amenities

Why I'm nominating

I wish to bear the responsibility and be the voice of thousands of students at MGA.

Hello everyone

You may have seen me around campus - usually in a volunteering t-shirt. That is because I genuinely enjoy helping people and being part of the Monash welfare community.

My motivation for running for Monash Graduate Association (MGA) Clayton Campus Representative is to contribute on a larger scale - ensuring that student voices are heard and acted upon, as well as providing a better environment for the postgrads.

A bit about me:

I am an international student in my final year of a Master of Information Technology. I have extensive experience in leadership through volunteering across various campus communities, where I support Monash Student Association (MSA), Monash Student Communities (MSC), and MGA in running their events. I have also organised social events to foster a safe, welcoming environment for students from diverse backgrounds. These experiences have shaped my values for giving back to the community.

A few of my main focuses this year will be:

- Organising more networking events
- Improving lounge amenities for students
- Requesting for more meeting rooms

I also want this to be a two-way conversation. If you have any concerns or ideas, feel free to come up and talk to me - I will endeavour to address and represent them if I am to be elected. I am approachable, reliable, and always happy to listen. If you are looking for someone who is already involved and ready to do more,

I would really appreciate your support.

Thank you

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Kalani Perera

Research | PhD |
Faculty of Science

"Supporting you, representing you and empowering you."

Top Priorities

1. Student Wellbeing
2. Amplifying student voices and representation
3. Promote collaboration and networking

Why I'm nominating

I genuinely care about the postgraduate community and want to uplift student life by being a voice for those who feel unheard and underrepresented.

My name is Kalani Perera, and I am a PhD student in Sustainable Development Education in the Faculty of Science. I come from the beautiful island of Sri Lanka, and moving here has been both exciting and challenging.

I am running for a position on the Monash Graduate Association Executive Committee because I genuinely care about the postgraduate community. Like many of you, I've experienced the highs and lows of postgraduate life. There are moments of achievement and growth, but also times of stress, uncertainty, and even loneliness, especially when adjusting to a new culture and academic system.

These experiences have made me realise how important it is to feel supported, heard, and connected. I want to be someone who listens to students and helps bring their concerns forward. I believe no one should feel like they are going through this journey alone.

If given the opportunity, I would like to focus on improving communication between students and the university, supporting student wellbeing, and creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone. I am especially passionate about making sure international students feel a sense of belonging.

For me, this role is about people, listening, understanding, and working together to make the postgraduate experience better for all of us.

I would be grateful for the chance to represent you.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Kartikeya Gupta

Coursework | Master of Data Science |
Faculty of Information Technology

"If elected, I will represent graduate student concerns, advocate for fair transport benefits, improve academic support communication, and promote better connectivity and engagement across Monash."

Top Priorities

1. Fair postgraduate transport concession advocacy
2. Clear academic guidance and support
3. Centralized platform for campus events

Why I'm nominating

To represent and advocate for postgraduate students, improve transparency and communication, address key student concerns, and help build a more connected and supportive graduate community.

My name is Kartikeya Gupta, and I'm currently pursuing a Master of Data Science at Monash University. My journey to Monash has been shaped by diverse experiences—from completing my Bachelor's in Computer Engineering in India to earning an MBA in Operations and spending four years working in the IT industry. Along the way, I developed strong analytical and problem-solving skills while also learning the value of collaboration and building meaningful connections with people.

During my undergraduate studies, I had the opportunity to serve as Joint Secretary for the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE). That experience was incredibly rewarding—it allowed me to organize events, connect with fellow students, and contribute to building a more engaged and supportive student community.

Outside of academics, I genuinely enjoy bringing people together. Whether it's through sports, events, or informal gatherings, I believe some of the best parts of university life come from the connections we make and the experiences we share.

If given the opportunity, my goal is to help create a more connected, inclusive, and supportive postgraduate community at Monash. I want to advocate for fairer student benefits—such as transport concessions for postgraduate students—improve clarity around credit system and available support, and work towards building a centralized platform where students can easily discover events and opportunities across campuses.

I would truly appreciate your support. It would mean a lot to me to represent you and work together towards making our Monash experience more connected, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Kesar Mahendrakumar Jain

Coursework | MBIS |
Faculty of Information Technology

"If elected, I will represent graduate student concerns, advocate for fair transport benefits, improve academic support communication, and promote better connectivity and engagement across Monash."

Top Priorities

1. Empower students through stronger networking
2. Address student cost of living
3. Gamify opportunities for engagement

Why I'm nominating

Everyone wants to make a change. I want to be in the room where it happens, building networks, creating opportunities, and turning ideas into outcomes.

Finding a job right now feels frustrating, exhausting, and at times even unfair, and too many students are left figuring it out on their own.

I am standing for the General Committee because this is something I have personally experienced, and I know many others feel the same. As an international student, I have spent hours applying for roles and waiting without hearing back. It can feel confusing, discouraging, and isolating.

I truly appreciate that MGA is already doing a great job creating opportunities and supporting students. I want to build on that by making these experiences more creative, engaging, and easier to be a part of. Networking should not feel intimidating. It should feel natural, welcoming, and even enjoyable.

One thing I really want to focus on is gamifying the experience. Imagine a more interactive MGA platform where students can earn points for attending events, making connections, or participating in activities, with small incentives that encourage people to get involved. This, along with a more approachable and active online presence, can make opportunities feel less overwhelming and more exciting to explore.

I also believe in starting early. The connections we make in university can shape our future, and we should be encouraged to build them from day one in an inclusive and supportive way.

If elected, I will listen, show up, and work towards making opportunities more accessible, inclusive, and genuinely engaging for all students.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Madhumitha Challa

Coursework | Master of IT |

Faculty of Information Technology

"I will champion SSAF reallocation for food security, legislate universal 72-hour cognitive recovery buffers, and amplify faculty-based grants to accelerate postgraduate professional career transitions."

Top Priorities

1. The Afternoon Food Trinity
2. The Three-Day Threshold
3. The Tiered Talent Transition

Why I'm nominating

As an IT Peer Mentor, I'm nominating to bridge the gap between university resources and postgraduates through research-backed welfare, academic equity, and professional industry connections.

My name is Madhumitha Challa, a final year Master of IT student and IT Postgraduate Peer Mentor. I am running for the MGAEC to ensure our Student Services and Amenities Fee is strategically reallocated to support the unique academic and financial realities of graduate students. Recent research shows that over 90 percent of graduate renters face extreme financial stress. I will champion the Afternoon Food Trinity, providing free, nutritious meals three times a week between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. To address long-term cost-of-living pressures, I will advocate for the expansion of the MGA fortnightly grocery pantry model across all campuses. I will also use my seat on the Academic Board to legislate the Three-Day Threshold, a universal 72-hour automatic extension buffer for both coursework and research students. High-level graduate research demands this window for cognitive restoration to counteract the compounding effects of sleep deprivation and ensure work quality is never compromised by acute burnout. To bridge the employment gap, I will facilitate the Tiered Talent Transition through MGA-led Industry Networking Mixers and simplified grants for Faculty-Based Postgraduate Clubs. My platform includes MGA-funded peer-to-peer academic support for foundation subjects, decentralizing women's health products to all campus restrooms, and a Mid-Week Wellness Policy to protect time for physical activity. Drawing on my professional experience in enterprise environments and student mentorship, I possess the maturity to manage graduate funds and negotiate with University leadership. I ask for your vote to bring enterprise-standard accountability to the MGA.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Milanshu

Coursework | Master of Business |
Faculty of Business and Economics

"Listen to graduate students, especially internationals, turn their concerns into real actions and build a more connected, inclusive graduate community at Monash."

Top Priorities

1. Affordable and accessible student services
2. Student voice and representation
3. Community connection and belonging

Why I'm nominating

Graduate students, especially internationals, deserve better support, stronger voices and real representation. I am deeply invested and committed to making student life better for everyone.

Hi, I'm Milanshu, a second year Master of Business student specialising in Supply Chain and Data Analytics at Monash Caulfield campus.

My path here wasn't straightforward. I began with a Bachelor's in Journalism and Mass Communication in India, then spent five years working across Marketing, Operations and Management at organisations like TikTok and ISB before choosing to pursue postgraduate study abroad. That journey shaped how I see student life. It's not just lectures and assignments. For many of us, it's juggling work shifts, managing costs, building a life in a new country, and doing it mostly without a safety net.

Since arriving at Monash, I've leaned into community. I currently serve as a Monash Campus Ambassador Leader, Student Advisor for Monash Student Communities, Volunteer Leader with the Monash Graduate Association, and Volunteer with the Monash Student Association. These roles have given me direct, ground level insight into the challenges graduate students face daily.

Now I want to take that experience further. If elected, I will advocate on issues that matter most to graduate students like high expenses, career uncertainty, mental wellbeing, and the isolation that international students so often experience in silence. I know these challenges personally.

My commitment is simple: listen, act, and make graduate life at Monash more inclusive, connected, and supported for everyone.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Neer Jaykumar Vasa

Coursework | Master of IT |

Faculty of Information Technology

"Establish food relief programs, launch "Friending Events" for Master's students, and create a calmer campus environment to improve student wellbeing and peer support."

Top Priorities

1. Expand campus food relief programs.
2. Launch Master's student friending events.
3. Foster calm, supportive student spaces.

Why I'm nominating

To drive positive campus change, expand food relief, and host inclusive "Friending Events" that foster a calm, supportive community for all Master's and graduate students.

As a candidate for the General Representative position, I wish to enhancing the graduate student experience by focusing on two pillars:- food relief and community building. I aim to expand the food relief programs to ensure that no student faces financial hardship alone, while also launching "Friending Events" specifically designed for Master's students to share their unique academic journeys and build lasting peer networks. By fostering an environment where we can exchange experiences and support one another's wellbeing, I am committed to making the MGA a more inclusive and resourceful home for all.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Nguyen Tuong Vy Le

Coursework | Master of Data Science |
Faculty of Information Technology

"I will launch data-driven wellbeing programs, create regular student feedback channels, collaborate with faculties, and deliver career workshops connecting students with industry mentors and opportunities."

Top Priorities

1. Enhance mental wellbeing support
2. Improve communication between students and MGA
3. Expand career and industry opportunities

Why I'm nominating

To give graduate students a stronger voice, improve wellbeing support, and build a more connected, inclusive community where every student feels heard, supported, and valued.

My name is Nguyen Tuong Vy Le and I am a Master of Data Science student in the Faculty of IT at Clayton campus, with an expected graduation in September 2027. I am applying for the MGA Executive Committee because I am committed to making the graduate student experience more supportive, connected, and impactful.

As a data science student, I bring a problem-solving mindset and a strong ability to translate student needs into practical, evidence-based solutions. I understand that graduate students often face challenges beyond academics, including mental wellbeing, career uncertainty, and social isolation. I want to ensure that MGA initiatives are not only inclusive but also genuinely effective in addressing these issues.

My goal is to strengthen student engagement by creating initiatives that are both meaningful and scalable. This includes improving communication between students and the university, supporting mental wellbeing through innovative platforms, and expanding career-focused opportunities that align with industry expectations.

I also aim to represent diverse student voices, particularly international students, by ensuring their concerns are heard and reflected in decision-making. I believe representation should go beyond presence and lead to real change.

With a proactive attitude, strong analytical skills, and a genuine passion for student wellbeing, I am ready to contribute to MGAEC and help build a more connected and supportive graduate community at Monash.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Omar Alzuabi

Coursework | Master of Banking and Finance |
Faculty of Business and Economics

"Advocate for student needs, improve communication between MGA and students, support wellbeing initiatives, and create more inclusive opportunities for postgraduate engagement and career development."

Top Priorities

1. Improve student engagement and communication
2. Enhance wellbeing and support services
3. Strengthen career development opportunities.

Why I'm nominating

To strengthen postgraduate representation, improve student engagement, and ensure every student voice is heard, supported, and reflected in meaningful outcomes at Monash.

I am a postgraduate student at Monash seeking to contribute to the MGA Executive Committee in 2026/2027 as a General Representative. I am motivated by a strong belief that postgraduate students deserve clear representation, accessible support, and a connected university experience that reflects the diversity of our community.

As a student studying Banking and Finance, I have developed strong analytical thinking, communication, and organisational skills. I take a proactive approach to problem-solving and value listening to different perspectives to deliver practical outcomes. I am particularly interested in strengthening how the MGA engages with students so that feedback is not only heard but acted upon.

If elected, I aim to improve awareness and accessibility of postgraduate services, support initiatives that enhance student wellbeing and career readiness, and foster a stronger sense of community through inclusive events and opportunities. I also want to promote greater transparency in decision-making and ensure students feel informed and involved.

I am committed to representing postgraduate students with integrity and dedication. I will work collaboratively to ensure the MGA continues to advocate effectively and deliver meaningful improvements to the postgraduate experience.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Parv Haria

*Coursework | Master of International Relations |
Faculty of Arts*

Top Priorities

1. Cost-of-living assistance
2. More sports classes
3. Other events on-campus to for socialization

Why I'm nominating

I would like to give back to the graduate student community of Monash.

Hi, I am Parv Haria. I am a student of International Relations based out of the Clayton Campus of Monash. I will graduate by July 2027. My interests and hobbies include: running, reading, travelling, and listening to various genres of music. The issues that I would like to pursue if I am elected, are the following:

1. Assistance to students with the cost-of-living crisis through more pop-up grocers, and other food banks
2. More sports classes for MGA students
3. Assistance in helping students find jobs
4. More events for students to make friends, socialize and have some downtime from studies.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Pratham Shukla

Coursework | Master of Global Business and
Master of Management |
Faculty of Business and Economics

"I will listen to students, relay their concerns to MGA, and follow up on actions for academic fairness, mental health, and inclusion."

Top Priorities

1. Clearer communication
2. Better wellbeing support
3. Stronger student inclusion

Why I'm nominating

I want to represent Indian and international students honestly and push for clearer communication, better support, and stronger inclusion within the MGA.

I am nominating myself for this position because I genuinely want to represent students like us and make our experience here better. As an international/postgraduate student, I have seen that many of us struggle with new systems, study pressures, and cultural differences, but our concerns don't always reach the right people. I want to be a bridge between students and the university so our issues are heard clearly and followed up properly.

If elected, I will focus on:

- clearer communication about assessments, deadlines, and support services;
- more attention to mental health and wellbeing, especially during exam and assignment periods;
- creating inclusive spaces and events where students from different countries, courses, and backgrounds can interact and support each other.

Back in India, and also here, I have worked in diverse teams and student groups, where I learned how to listen patiently, respect different opinions, and still move things forward. I am organised, approachable, and not afraid to speak up when something is unfair or confusing, but I also believe in discussing issues calmly and respectfully.

For me, this role is not just a title. It is a responsibility to regularly talk to classmates, collect feedback, give honest updates, and keep pushing for small but real improvements. I request your support and promise to represent you with sincerity, hard work, and respect.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Reeshab Tah

Coursework | Master of Design - Interaction |
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

"I will listen, act on real issues, improve communication, support students consistently and ensure ideas are implemented properly not just discussed, with transparency and accountability."

Top Priorities

1. Clear student university communication
2. Better support for working students
3. More practical and engaging initiatives

Why I'm nominating

I want to represent students, solve real issues and make campus life more practical, supportive and engaging for everyone through honest work and clear communication.

I am applying for this position because I genuinely want to make student life better and more practical. Being a student myself, I understand how easy it is to feel overwhelmed balancing studies, work and personal life especially in a new environment.

I am someone who listens first and speaks with purpose. I prefer solving real problems instead of just discussing them. From my past experiences, I have learned how important it is to stay consistent, take responsibility and actually follow through on commitments.

If selected, I want to focus on clear communication between students and the university, so concerns do not get ignored or lost. I also want to support initiatives that make campus life more engaging, useful and inclusive for everyone (not just a few).

I believe in being honest, approachable and action oriented. I would not overpromise but whatever I take up, I will make sure it gets done properly. My aim is simple - create a student environment where people feel heard, supported and motivated.

I am ready to put in the time and effort and I would value the opportunity to represent you.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Revin Vora

Coursework | Master of Design- Interaction |
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

"I will listen to students, improve communication systems, organize engaging initiatives, and ensure student voices are represented clearly and effectively in all decisions."

Top Priorities

1. Transparent decisions that students can track
2. Feedbacks to action within weeks
3. Make campus life engaging

Why I'm nominating

To represent students well, I will use my leadership experience and design thinking approach to improve communication, engagement, and the overall student experience.

I would definitely nominate myself for this position. I bring experience in both student leadership and problem-solving rooted in design. As the general secretary for Design Fest (Inferno) back during my undergrad degree, I have actively helped organize events, worked with diverse teams, managed budgets, and created engaging experiences to bring students together. This role improved my ability to communicate well, manage various responsibilities, and understand what students really need from campus initiatives.

Additionally, my professional experience as a UI/UX designer has shaped my approach to challenges. I focus on understanding user needs and identifying pain points. I create practical solutions, and I believe this mindset is very relevant in a student representative role.

If elected, I will aim to boost student engagement and ensure better communication between students and the association. I will launch initiatives that improve student life both academically and socially. My goal is to create an inclusive environment where every student feels heard and represented.

I am committed, approachable, and driven to make a meaningful difference. With my combined experience in leadership and design thinking, I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively and represent the student body with responsibility and dedication.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Saddam Mustafa

Research | PhD Chemistry |
Faculty of Science

Top Priorities

1. Improve access to MGA information.
2. Create affordable social events.
3. Establish clear student concern reporting pathways

My name is Saddam Mustafa, and I am a PhD student in Chemistry in the Faculty of Science at Monash University, Clayton campus, with an anticipated completion date of 15/02/2029. I am nominating myself for a position in the Monash Graduate Association to deliver practical outcomes that directly benefit graduate students.

If elected, I will focus on three concrete areas. First, I want to improve how information reaches students. Many graduate students miss out on MGA events and support services simply because they do not know they exist. I will work to ensure that updates about workshops, funding opportunities, and social events are shared through channels students actually check, including departmental mailing lists and lab common areas. Second, I will advocate for more affordable social activities scheduled at times that accommodate research students with irregular hours. Third, I want to establish clearer pathways for students to raise concerns about supervision, workload, or campus facilities, and ensure those concerns are followed up properly.

For international students specifically, I want to help create practical resources about visa processes, housing, and part-time work opportunities that are easy to access and understand. I also want to facilitate more peer-to-peer connections between new and continuing students so that useful advice is shared directly.

My focus is on small, consistent improvements that make a real difference in how students experience graduate study at Monash. I ask for your vote to make this happen.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sakshi Petkar

Coursework | Master of Environment and Sustainability
Faculty of Science

"I will listen to student concerns, improve communication, and work collaboratively to implement practical solutions that enhance student experience and strengthen the graduate community."

Top Priorities

1. Improve student support awareness
2. Strengthen student community connections
3. Address concerns through practical action

Why I'm nominating

To represent student voices effectively, improve communication, and create a more connected and supportive graduate community through practical actions and consistent engagement.

I am Sakshi Petkar, currently pursuing a Master's in Environment and Sustainability at Monash University. As a student navigating a new academic and social environment, I understand the challenges of settling in, building connections, and accessing the right opportunities and support.

Through my involvement as an Events Lead with MESSA, I have actively engaged with students, supported orientation activities, and contributed to creating inclusive and welcoming spaces. These experiences have helped me understand the importance of listening to student concerns and responding to them in a practical and effective way.

I believe in being approachable, reliable, and proactive. I aim to work closely with students to understand their concerns, improve awareness of available support, and strengthen connections within the graduate student community. I value collaboration and believe that meaningful impact comes from consistent effort and practical action rather than overpromising.

I am committed to contributing positively to the student community and representing student voices with clarity and confidence. I would appreciate your support and kindly ask you to consider voting for me as your first preference.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sanjana Lakhpawala

Coursework | Master of Applied Econometrics |
Faculty of Business and Economics

"Advocate for student needs, improve communication of opportunities, support inclusive initiatives, and ensure student feedback is heard and reflected in decisions affecting the graduate community."

Top Priorities

1. Improve communication and transparency
2. Increase accessible student engagement opportunities
3. Strengthen academic and wellbeing support

Why I'm nominating

To represent student voices, improve communication and accessibility, and help build a more connected, supportive graduate community at Caulfield and across Monash.

Hi everyone, I'm Sanjana, a Master of Applied Econometrics student at Monash, and I'm running for the General Representative position on the MGA Executive Committee. Like many of you, I've experienced both the rewarding and challenging sides of graduate life. Through my involvement across different student communities, I've had the opportunity to work closely with students from a range of faculties, listen to their experiences, and contribute to building more engaging and supportive spaces. If elected, my focus would be on making the graduate experience more accessible, connected, and student-focused. This includes improving communication around opportunities, creating more inclusive and engaging events, and ensuring students feel supported during high-pressure academic periods. I want students to feel informed, heard, and genuinely represented. Most importantly, I want to be someone who listens. Whether it's feedback, concerns, or new ideas, I believe student voices should play a central role in shaping the decisions that affect us. I try my best to be approachable, committed, and proactive, and I would genuinely value the opportunity to represent you and contribute to improving the graduate experience at Monash.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sarah Louise Melinda Gandolfo

Research | PhD |
Faculty of Education

"Listen deeply, advocate effectively, strengthen communication, and foster inclusive opportunities that ensure all graduate students feel connected, represented, and empowered within the Monash community."

Top Priorities

1. Amplify graduate student voice
2. Strengthen campus community connection
3. Advocate inclusive and responsive decision-making

Why I'm nominating

To lead with purpose: amplifying graduate voices, building genuine connection, and ensuring every student feels represented, supported, and empowered to shape their university experience.

I am nominating for Campus Representative to contribute strong, values-driven leadership and governance that meaningfully represents and advocates for graduate students. I bring a relational and human-centred approach to leadership, grounded in connection, integrity, and a commitment to inclusive practice. Through my professional experience in education and leadership, I have developed the ability to listen deeply, engage diverse perspectives, and translate ideas into practical action. I am confident facilitating dialogue, navigating complexity, and advocating for outcomes that reflect the needs and experiences of a broad community. I believe effective leadership is not about speaking for others, but creating the conditions where all voices can be heard and respected. I bring strengths in collaboration and communication, with a focus on building trust and fostering a sense of belonging. I am particularly committed to ensuring that students who may feel less visible—such as those studying part-time, online, or balancing multiple responsibilities—are actively included in decision-making processes. As a Campus Representative, I would approach the role with professionalism, responsiveness, and care. I am organised, proactive, and committed to following through on initiatives that enhance student experience and wellbeing. I am also reflective in my practice, continually seeking feedback to improve how I lead and represent others. I am motivated by the opportunity to contribute to a graduate community where students feel connected, supported, and empowered to influence the environment in which they learn.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Shuqian Liu

Coursework | Master of Digital Learning |
Faculty of Education

"Communicating with students and staff, providing valuable opinions and suggestions, and conveying services and voices."

Top Priorities

1. Active volunteering
2. Strong team working
3. Positive contribution

Why I'm nominating

I would like to contribute my efforts to the community and I believe I have the qualities to take this role.

I nominate myself for the general position because I have been actively involved in the school community through volunteering and participating in events. I understand that a good volunteer should be responsible, helpful, enthusiastic, proactive, and professional in volunteer activities and I believe these qualities are what I can bring to this role. I also believe that volunteering can make a meaningful impact by supporting others, fostering a harmonious campus environment, and building strong connections within the community. As a general volunteer with MGA in 2025 and 2026, I have volunteered across the Clayton, Caulfield, and Peninsula campuses. I have taken part in several activities where I assisted with setting up events, checking registration with students, distributing items, and communicating MGA services in the activities. Through these experiences, I have strengthened my teamwork and communication skills by cooperating collaboratively with other volunteers, staff, and students in a welcoming and respectful way. These opportunities have allowed me to demonstrate my willingness to support others and contribute positively to the community. I believe I am a suitable nominee because I am enthusiastic, reliable, and committed to making a meaningful difference. I promise to continue contributing to the community and helping to create a positive and inclusive environment for graduate students.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Sneha Sivakumar

Coursework | Master of Public Health |
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

"Advocate for inclusion, student-centred initiatives, represent concerns with clarity and work to ensure meaningful outcomes within committee decisions."

Top Priorities

1. Inclusive representation
2. Cultural familiarity
3. Strengthening student wellbeing

Why I'm nominating

Student life shapes integrity and community participation, influencing how we approach real-world challenges. This requires a strong voice, and I want to be that voice.

Hi, I am Sneha, an international student pursuing Master of Public Health at the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Alfred Campus. During my undergraduate studies in Dentistry, I held several leadership roles, including serving as General Secretary of my cohort and as Vice-Captain during annual cultural competitions. In these positions, I led teams, organised initiatives, and co-founded a literary club to create inclusive spaces for students with shared interests. These experiences shaped my belief that student life is not just academic, but deeply social and formative. Through my clinical training and community outreach work, I developed a strong foundation in empathy, communication and advocacy. Working with patients and underserved communities taught me the importance of listening, approaching people with kindness, and creating spaces where individuals feel comfortable and supported. If elected as a General Representative, I want to focus on strengthening inclusion and representation across the diverse graduate student community, particularly for those who may feel disconnected from campus life, something I recognise is common in a large and diverse environment like Monash. I am especially interested in initiatives that make student spaces more accessible, visible, and genuinely welcoming, rather than passively inclusive. I aim to ensure that student concerns are not only heard, but represented with clarity and intent at the decision-making table. I hope to contribute to turning student experiences into meaningful and lasting change.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Syed Kazim Mehdi Rizvi

Coursework | Master of Professional Engineering |
Faculty of Engineering

"If elected, I will advocate for students, improve communication, support inclusive initiatives, and ensure decisions reflect student needs while fostering a connected and supportive community."

Top Priorities

1. Improve student communication and transparency
2. Strengthen campus engagement and community
3. Advocate for accessible student support

Why I'm nominating

I'm nominating to represent students effectively, amplify diverse voices, improve communication, and help create a more inclusive, supportive, and engaging campus community for everyone.

I am nominating for a general executive position because I am committed to contributing to the broader student community and helping shape initiatives that benefit all students.

I bring a balanced approach to leadership, combining clear communication, thoughtful decision-making, and a willingness to collaborate with others. I am motivated to ensure that student voices are meaningfully included in discussions and that decisions reflect the diverse needs of the student body.

My priorities include improving transparency, strengthening student engagement, and supporting initiatives that enhance both academic and social experiences. I believe effective leadership requires accountability, openness to feedback, and a focus on practical outcomes.

I am eager to contribute my time and energy to this role and to work alongside others to create positive, lasting impact. If elected, I will approach the role with integrity, dedication, and a strong commitment to representing students fairly and effectively.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Tanya Maithani

*Coursework | Master of Law |
Faculty of Law*

As the current Education Director of the Monash Law Society, I have gained valuable experience advocating for student interests and working to enhance both the academic and social experiences of my peers. Through this role, I have also observed the impactful work of the Monash Graduate Association (MGA) across campuses, which has motivated me to contribute at a broader level.

If elected, I am particularly keen to strengthen engagement at the City campus. Many students there feel disconnected from MGA, and I believe more can be done to ensure they are included in events, initiatives, and the wellbeing support that MGA is known for.

I aim to be a representative who is approachable, responsive, and genuinely committed to student needs. By actively listening to students and collaborating closely with the association, I will work towards delivering practical improvements that enrich both academic and social aspects of university life. Ultimately, my goal is to ensure that every student feels supported, connected, and effectively represented throughout their university journey.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Troy Lau

Research | Doctor of Philosophy |
Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences

"I will represent off-campus students, improve communication between MGA and postgraduates, and deliver practical initiatives that strengthen engagement, support services, and the postgraduate community."

Top Priorities

1. Stronger off campus representation
2. Better postgraduate engagement
3. Clear communication and transparency

Why I'm nominating

I've served as Parkville Rep and General Rep at AMREP. I understand MGA and will keep advocating for off-campus students and stronger postgraduate engagement.

I am running for the MGA committee again to build on the work I have already started and to continue contributing to the postgraduate community in a more effective way.

Over the past term, I have served as both a Parkville Campus Representative and currently as a General Representative. Through these roles, I have gained a clear understanding of how MGA operates, how decisions are made, and where we can improve. I have been involved in discussions around student needs, contributed to initiatives, and worked with other committee members to represent postgraduate voices across different campuses.

As a student based at AMREP, I bring a perspective from one of Monash's smaller, off-site campuses. These campuses can often feel overlooked, and I have seen firsthand the gaps in engagement and support. This has shaped how I approach representation. I want to make sure students at AMREP and similar sites feel included, informed, and properly represented within MGA.

I am not new to this role. I understand the structure, the expectations, and the challenges that come with it. This allows me to contribute immediately and focus on improving how MGA supports students, rather than spending time learning the system.

If re-elected, I want to continue strengthening communication between MGA and students, while ensuring that representation extends beyond the main campuses. I am committed to being an active, reliable member of the committee and to continuing the work I have already begun.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Viktoriiia Ignateva

Coursework | Master of Artificial Intelligence/
Faculty of Information Technology

"I will push for practical support systems, ensure your diverse needs are represented in policy, and fight to make university experience smoother, safer, and inclusive."

Top Priorities

1. Accessible and tailored student support.
2. Stronger advocacy for international students.
3. Inclusive, graduate-led university decision-making

Why I'm nominating

As a student representative and leader, I've successfully fought for better policies. I am committed to making sure every graduate student feels heard and supported.

As a Master of Artificial Intelligence student, Graduate Student Representative on the University Education Committee, leader of two student teams, and Women in STEMM Student Leader Awardee 2026, I have dedicated my time at Monash to amplifying the voices of graduate students. My advocacy has been built on a foundation of tangible impact: successfully advocating for policy changes around research stream access, universal submission times, and enhanced resources for international students. I am proud to have earned the trust of both faculty leadership and my colleagues through my commitment to constructive, evidence-based representation.

If elected to the MGA Executive Committee, my focus will be three-fold. First, I will prioritise student wellbeing by advocating for more tailored support systems, drawing on my personal experience navigating complex personal challenges during my degree. I know that for many of us, academic success is inseparable from having a safe, stable, and inclusive environment. Second, I will work to bridge the gap between student experiences and university administration, ensuring our diverse needs, especially for our large international and postgraduate cohorts, are addressed with practical, sustainable solutions. Finally, I will promote inclusivity by championing diverse representation in leadership, just as I have through my work at MOSAIC and the Monash Data & AI Society.

I am a resilient, proactive leader who listens first and acts with purpose. I am eager to use my experience to ensure that every graduate student at Monash feels heard, supported, and empowered to succeed.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Xinyu Chen

Coursework | Master of Professional Accounting |
Faculty of Business and Economics

"Listen to student experiences, share feedback with MGA, and help more students learn about the programs and support available on campus."

Top Priorities

1. Supporting international students
2. Academic success and wellbeing
3. Promoting MGA resources

Why I'm nominating

I would like to contribute to the graduate student community and share student perspectives, especially from international students studying at Monash.

I am Xinyu Chen, a Master of Professional Accounting student at Monash University's Caulfield campus, expected to graduate in December 2026.

Because I live close to campus, I often study in the MGA Graduate Lounge. It has become an important place for me to study, meet other graduate students and feel connected to the campus community.

Last year, I shared my story with MGA on their social media and it was selected and published. I have also volunteered with MGA during O-Week, where I helped welcome and support new students. During that time I met many volunteers, students and MGA staff.

I also actively participate in many MGA activities and services, including the Pop-up Grocer, Grad Pantry, yoga sessions and the cycle program. These experiences helped me better understand how MGA supports students in both study and daily life.

Through talking with many students, I have also learned about the challenges students face, especially international students adjusting to life and study in Australia. I would be happy to represent graduate students and contribute to the MGA community.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Yannee Liu

Research | Doctor of Philosophy |
Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

"Yannee will amplify postgraduate voices, deliver inclusive events and support programs, ensuring meaningful representation, fostering community and improving the postgraduate student experience at Monash."

Top Priorities

1. Community, inclusion and engagement
2. Meaningful representation and student voice
3. Student wellbeing and mental health

Why I'm nominating

Yannee is deeply committed to strengthening representation for Parkville postgraduate students in the MGAEC and fostering a more connected, inclusive, and equitable community at Monash.

Yannee believes that actions speak louder than words and has been passionate about student advocacy and representation throughout her whole life. Yannee consistently seeks to ensure that student voices are heard and meaningfully represented in decision-making in her community and at Monash University. Yannee is deeply committed to strengthening representation for Parkville postgraduate students in the MGAEC and fostering a more connected, inclusive, and supportive community.

Yannee has over six years of committee and youth leadership experience. Committee experiences include over four years of experience as an executive member of the Monash Parkville Student Union and over two years of experience with the Parkville Postgraduate Association and the Victorian Youth Congress. Yannee has organised social events that build a sense of community, promoted mental health and wellbeing initiatives and worked to create safe and inclusive spaces at Monash University. Yannee displays excellent interpersonal, teamwork and leadership skills coordinating events such as EDI week and welcome events for postgraduate students, particularly at Monash Parkville campus.

Yannee is an enthusiastic, motivated, and empathetic leader who strives to empower those around her. Yannee values collaboration and works effectively within teams, bringing people together to achieve shared goals and deliver meaningful outcomes for all students.

Yannee is excited to represent Monash postgraduate students, contributing to initiatives that prioritise social connection, welfare support, mental health and wellbeing advocacy. Yannee is committed to listening to students, amplifying student voices, and working collaboratively to create a positive and enriching postgraduate experience for all students.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE

Yina Gu

**Coursework | Master of Advanced Finance and
Master of Global Business |
Faculty of Business and Economics**

"I'll represent student voices, share feedback with the university, and focus on making information clearer and easier to access for students."

Top Priorities

- 1. Improve communication with students**
- 2. Support stronger student connections**
- 3. Make information easier to access**

Why I'm nominating

I'm nominating to give back by helping students better access support and feel more connected within the Monash.

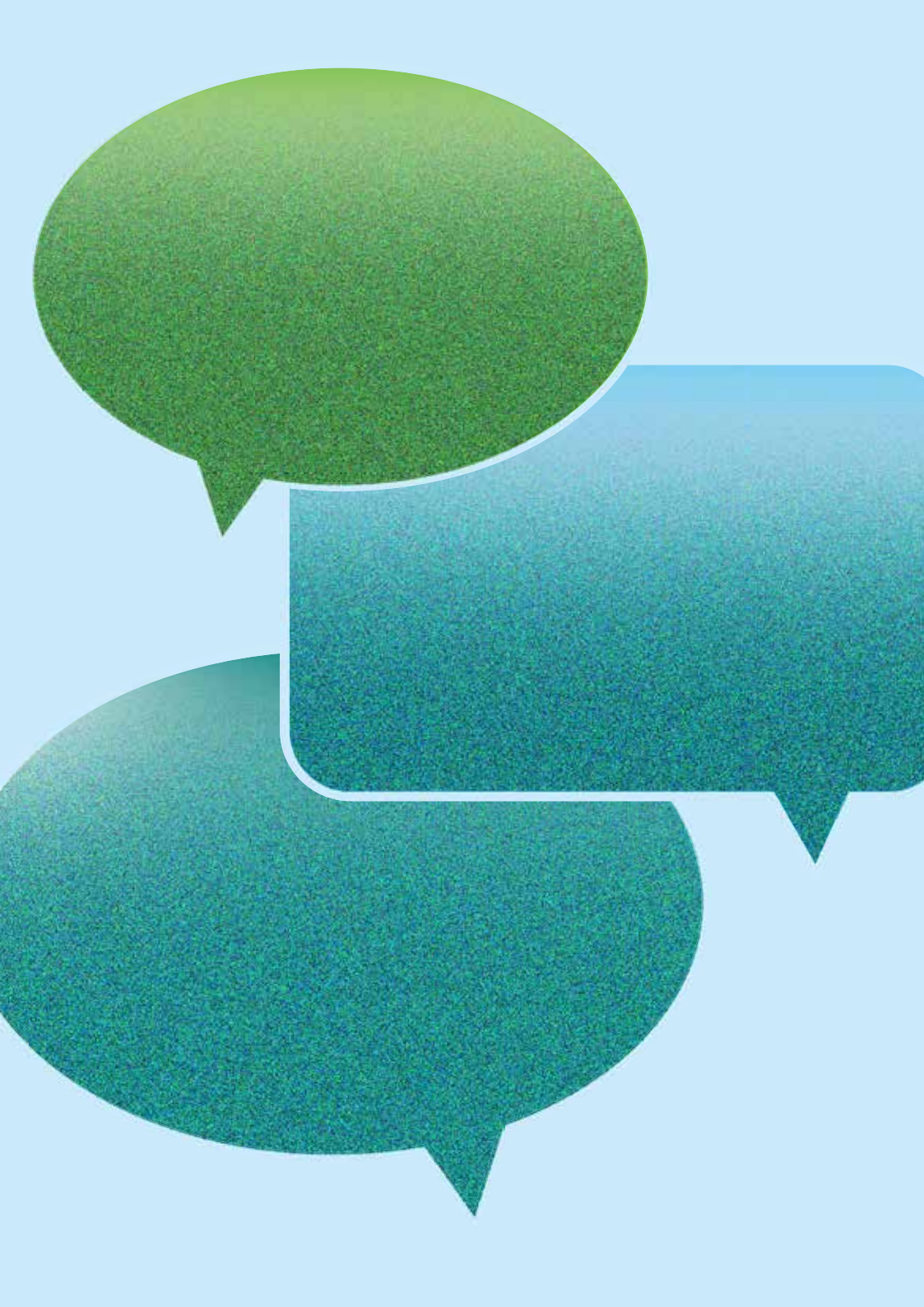
My name is Yina Gu, and I'm currently a postgraduate student at Monash studying finance and business. The reason I am running for a general representative position because of the positive experiences I've had with MGA.

Through volunteering and taking part in MGA activities, I've met a lot of people, built genuine connections, and grown in ways I didn't expect. I'm really grateful for these experiences, and they've made me want to give something back.

As an international student, I know it's not always easy to feel connected or fully involved in university life, especially when students first arrive. From what I've seen, small things like clearer communication, more approachable events, and a more open environment can really change how students engage and feel included.

Having been both a volunteer and a participant, I have a clear understanding of how students interact with MGA and what helps create a more welcoming space. I'd really appreciate the opportunity to represent student voices and be part of making the community feel more connected and inclusive.

GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE



CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Ananya Verma

Coursework | Master of Design |
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

"I will amplify student voices, push for better awareness, opportunities, create impactful events, and ensure MGA support reaches every student, especially international students."

Top Priorities

1. Make MGA services truly visible
2. Strengthen student community and networking
3. Create opportunities and promote safety

Why I'm nominating

I aim to be a proactive voice that represents, connects and empowers graduate students across Monash. Also bridge the gap between students and MGA services.

I am Ananya Verma, a Master's student in Interaction Design and I am excited to run for the Caulfield Campus Representative position. As an active member of the graduate community, MGA has been a meaningful part of my student experience from events to the student lounge, which has been my go to space for both focus and comfort.

Through my time at Monash Caulfield, I have observed a clear gap: while MGA offers valuable services, opportunities and support systems, many students remain unaware of them or unsure how to access them. I want to bridge this gap.

As a UX Designer, I deeply care about student experience. I bring my experience from organising startup pitch events working with Humans of Australia (a digital media startup) and currently serving as a Design Officer at MADA, where I contribute to student engagement and networking initiatives. Professionally, I work as a UX Advisor for a startup supporting ADHD students, which has strengthened my understanding of accessibility and diverse student experiences.

If elected, I will focus on making MGA more visible, accessible and relevant at Caulfield. I am passionate about leadership, communication and building inclusive communities. Thus, I aim to organise engaging workshops, networking events and awareness sessions around key issues such as scams, mental health and student support services.

As an international student myself, I understand the challenges many face. I want to be a voice that listens, represents and creates a stronger, more connected graduate community at Caulfield.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Janhavi Moze

*Coursework | Master of Global Business and
Master of Management |
Faculty of Business and Economics*

“To be part of big change, driving real impact for Caulfield postgraduates.”

Top Priorities

- 1. Elevate MGA visibility and engagement**
- 2. Strengthen postgraduate wellbeing and belonging**
- 3. Embed student voices in decisions**

As an international postgraduate student pursuing a Master of Management and a Master of Global Business at Monash, I have spent countless hours in the MGA Student Lounge at Caulfield. That space has carried my friends and me through assignments, exams, and moments of uncertainty, offering something rare for postgraduates far from home: calm, connection, and reassurance. Yet even during peak periods, I've noticed MGA spaces and services remain underused. The value is there; the visibility is not.

Serving currently as the Caulfield Campus Representative, I have seen how listening, collaboration, and proactive communication can turn small student concerns into meaningful change. This experience has reinforced my commitment to being the voice of our postgraduate community and bridge the gap between what MGA offers and what students actually experience. I aim to enhance service visibility, foster inclusion, and ensure every student finds a sense of belonging within the MGA network.

Beyond this role, I bring experience as a Operations Analyst Intern at Origin Institute and as a Project Consultant with Lantern Consulting, where I analyse data, map processes, and develop structured, evidence-based recommendations for real clients. At Monash, serving as a Student Ambassador and working on a consulting project for the Harpswell Foundation has strengthened my interpersonal skills, cross-cultural communication, and passion for social impact.

If re-elected, I will continue to bring empathy, consistency, and a solutions-focused mindset to the Executive Committee, ensuring every discussion and decision keeps the lived experience of Caulfield postgraduates at its centre.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Milanshu

Coursework | Master of Business |
Faculty of Business and Economics

"Listen to graduate students, especially internationals, turn their concerns into real actions and build a more connected, inclusive graduate community at Monash."

Top Priorities

1. Affordable and accessible student services
2. Student voice and representation
3. Community connection and belonging

Why I'm nominating

Graduate students, especially internationals, deserve better support, stronger voices and real representation. I am deeply invested and committed to making student life better for everyone.

Hi, I'm Milanshu, a second year Master of Business student specialising in Supply Chain and Data Analytics, and I'm proud to call Caulfield my campus.

Caulfield is a vibrant, diverse campus but I know from experience that it can also feel isolating, especially for international students finding their footing in a new country. I've been that student. I still am, in many ways.

As a Monash Campus Ambassador Leader, Student Advisor for Monash Student Communities, Volunteer Leader with the Monash Graduate Association, and Volunteer with the Monash Student Association, I've worked directly with students across multiple campuses and understand what this campus specifically needs.

As your Campus Representative, I will specifically focus on improving campus facilities and common spaces so students have better places to study, connect and decompress. I will push for stronger academic and career support tailored to graduate students, because postgraduate pressures are different and our services should reflect that. I will work to grow social events and community touchpoints that help students feel they genuinely belong here. And I will ensure international student voices are consistently heard at every level of decision making.

Caulfield deserves a representative who is present, accessible and genuinely invested in its students. I'm already here, already involved, and ready to do more.

My commitment is simple: show up, listen, and make Caulfield a campus where every graduate student thrives.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Pratham Shukla

Coursework | Master of Global Business and
Master of Management |
Faculty of Business and Economics

"I will listen to students, relay their concerns to MGA, and follow up on actions for academic fairness, mental health, and inclusion."

Top Priorities

1. Clearer communication
2. Better wellbeing support
3. Stronger student inclusion

Why I'm nominating

I want to represent Indian and international students honestly and push for clearer communication, better support, and stronger inclusion within the MGA.

I am nominating myself for this position because I genuinely want to represent students like us and make our experience here better. As an international/postgraduate student, I have seen that many of us struggle with new systems, study pressures, and cultural differences, but our concerns don't always reach the right people. I want to be a bridge between students and the university so our issues are heard clearly and followed up properly.

If elected, I will focus on:

- clearer communication about assessments, deadlines, and support services;
- more attention to mental health and wellbeing, especially during exam and assignment periods;
- creating inclusive spaces and events where students from different countries, courses, and backgrounds can interact and support each other.

Back in India, and also here, I have worked in diverse teams and student groups, where I learned how to listen patiently, respect different opinions, and still move things forward. I am organised, approachable, and not afraid to speak up when something is unfair or confusing, but I also believe in discussing issues calmly and respectfully.

For me, this role is not just a title. It is a responsibility to regularly talk to classmates, collect feedback, give honest updates, and keep pushing for small but real improvements. I request your support and promise to represent you with sincerity, hard work, and respect.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Reeshab Tah

Coursework | Master of Design - Interaction |
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

"I will listen, act on real issues, improve communication, support students consistently and ensure ideas are implemented properly not just discussed, with transparency and accountability."

Top Priorities

1. Clear student university communication
2. Better support for working students
3. More practical and engaging initiatives

Why I'm nominating

I want to represent students, solve real issues and make campus life more practical, supportive and engaging for everyone through honest work and clear communication.

I am applying for this position because I genuinely want to make student life better and more practical. Being a student myself, I understand how easy it is to feel overwhelmed balancing studies, work and personal life especially in a new environment.

I am someone who listens first and speaks with purpose. I prefer solving real problems instead of just discussing them. From my past experiences, I have learned how important it is to stay consistent, take responsibility and actually follow through on commitments.

If selected, I want to focus on clear communication between students and the university, so concerns do not get ignored or lost. I also want to support initiatives that make campus life more engaging, useful and inclusive for everyone (not just a few).

I believe in being honest, approachable and action oriented. I would not overpromise but whatever I take up, I will make sure it gets done properly. My aim is simple - create a student environment where people feel heard, supported and motivated.

I am ready to put in the time and effort and I would value the opportunity to represent you.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Revin Vora

Coursework | Master of Design- Interaction |
Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture

"I will listen to students, improve communication systems, organize engaging initiatives, and ensure student voices are represented clearly and effectively in all decisions."

Top Priorities

1. Transparent decisions that students can track
2. Feedbacks to action within weeks
3. Make campus life engaging

Why I'm nominating

To represent students well, I will use my leadership experience and design thinking approach to improve communication, engagement, and the overall student experience.

I would definitely nominate myself for this position. I bring experience in both student leadership and problem-solving rooted in design. As the general secretary for Design Fest (Inferno) back during my undergrad degree, I have actively helped organize events, worked with diverse teams, managed budgets, and created engaging experiences to bring students together. This role improved my ability to communicate well, manage various responsibilities, and understand what students really need from campus initiatives.

Additionally, my professional experience as a UI/UX designer has shaped my approach to challenges. I focus on understanding user needs and identifying pain points. I create practical solutions, and I believe this mindset is very relevant in a student representative role.

If elected, I will aim to boost student engagement and ensure better communication between students and the association. I will launch initiatives that improve student life both academically and socially. My goal is to create an inclusive environment where every student feels heard and represented.

I am committed, approachable, and driven to make a meaningful difference. With my combined experience in leadership and design thinking, I am confident in my ability to contribute effectively and represent the student body with responsibility and dedication.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Sanjana Lakhpawala

Coursework | Master of Applied Econometrics |
Faculty of Business and Economics

“Advocate for student needs, improve communication of opportunities, support inclusive initiatives, and ensure student feedback is heard and reflected in decisions affecting the graduate community.”

Top Priorities

1. Improve communication and transparency
2. Increase accessible student engagement opportunities
3. Strengthen academic and wellbeing support

Why I'm nominating

To represent student voices, improve communication and accessibility, and help build a more connected, supportive graduate community at Caulfield and across Monash.

Hi everyone, I'm Sanjana, a Master of Applied Econometrics student based at Caulfield, and I'm running to represent our campus on the MGA Executive Committee. As a Caulfield student, I understand how different our experience can be. Many of us balance academics with part-time work, commuting, and other commitments, which can sometimes make it harder to feel connected to campus life. Through my involvement in student initiatives at Caulfield, I've worked on creating opportunities that bring students together and improve engagement. I've seen firsthand how better communication, more visible opportunities, and inclusive events can make a real difference in helping students feel part of a community. If elected, I want to focus on making Caulfield a more connected and supportive environment. This includes improving how information is shared, ensuring events and initiatives are accessible, and making sure student voices are heard in decisions that impact us. Most importantly, I want to be someone students can approach; whether it's to share feedback, raise concerns, or suggest new ideas. Representation should feel accessible and genuine. I'm committed, proactive, and genuinely care about improving the student experience. I would love the opportunity to represent you and help make Caulfield an even better place for graduate students.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Xinyu Chen

Coursework | Master of Professional Accounting |
Faculty of Business and Economics

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CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE



Yina Gu

**Coursework | Master of Advanced Finance and
Master of Global Business |
Faculty of Business and Economics**

"I'll represent student voices, share feedback with the university, and focus on making information clearer and easier to access for students."

Top Priorities

- 1. Improve communication with students**
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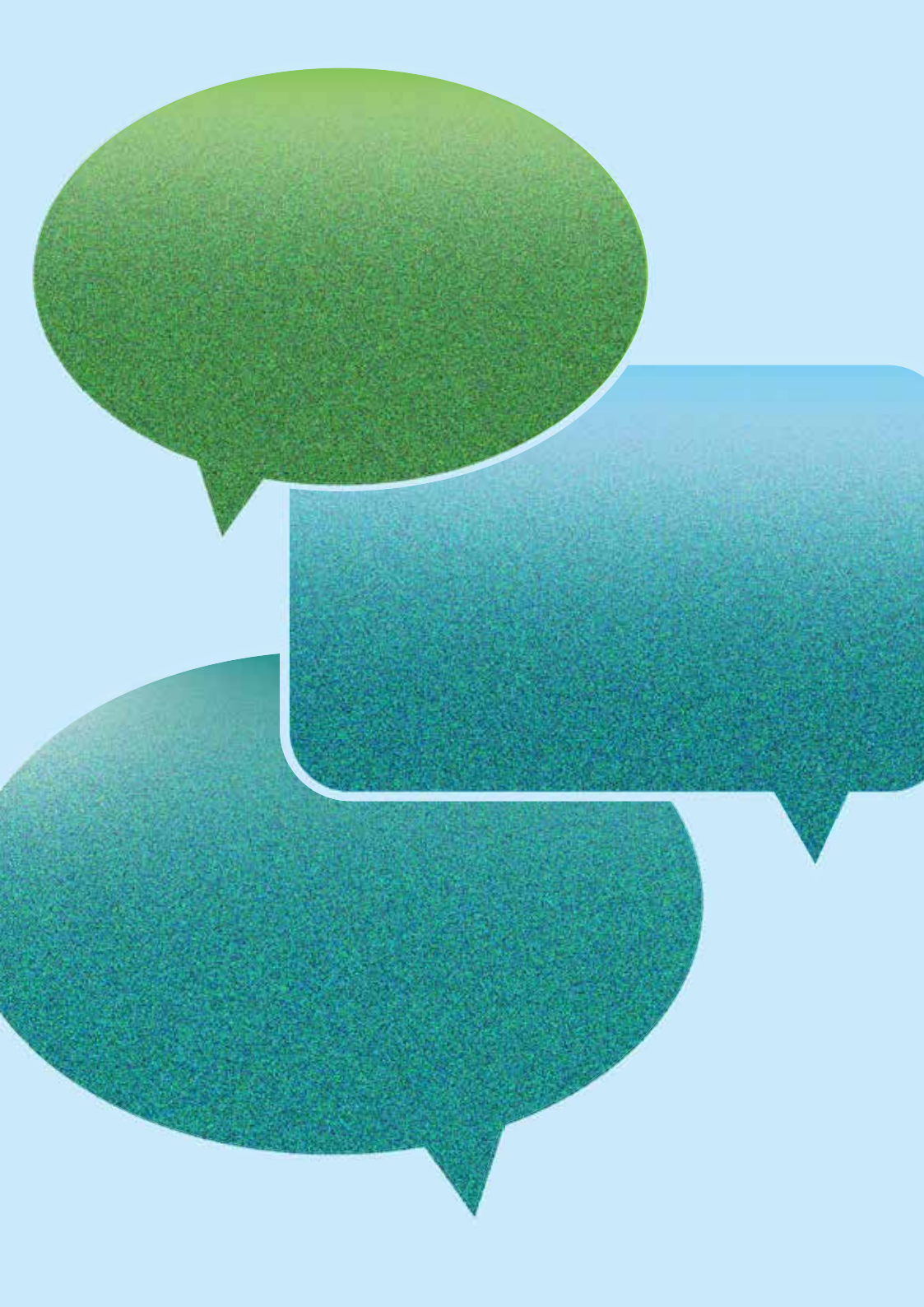
My name is Yina Gu, and I'm currently a postgraduate student at the Caulfield campus studying finance and business. Over the past year, I have spent most of my time here, not only attending classes but also experiencing how students interact with the campus environment on a daily basis. This experience is what motivated me to run for the Caulfield representative role.

During my time here, I have noticed that many students are not fully aware of the resources and support available to them. While the university provides a wide range of academic and student services, the information is often scattered or not communicated in a way that is easy to access. As a result, some students miss out on opportunities that could significantly improve their study experience.

I am particularly interested in finding ways to make information easier to navigate and more approachable for students. This could involve presenting key resources in a clearer way and encouraging more open communication between students and the university. I also value listening to different student perspectives, especially from those who may find it difficult to access support or express their concerns. With my ability to observe and communicate, I hope to contribute in a way that feels practical and meaningful to the Caulfield community.

CAULFIELD REPRESENTATIVE





CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE



Alfia Estitika

Coursework | Power System Engineering |
Faculty of Engineering

"If elected, I will gather student feedback, promote inclusive events, strengthen communication, and advocate for practical improvements that better support graduate students' experiences."

Top Priorities

1. Amplify graduate student voices
2. Promote inclusion and wellbeing
3. Create stronger community connections

Why I'm nominating

I am nominating because I want to actively contribute to a more inclusive, connected, and supportive graduate student community.

As an Electrical Engineering student, I am passionate about innovation, collaboration, and making a meaningful contribution to the student community. Moving to Melbourne as an international student in a double master's degree program has given me firsthand experience of both the opportunities and the challenges that come with starting a new chapter in a new environment. These experiences have inspired me to help create a student community where everyone feels supported, included, and heard.

My academic and professional experiences across multidisciplinary projects have shown me the value of combining technical knowledge with empathy, teamwork, and creative problem-solving. They have also reinforced my belief that strong representation begins with listening. Every student brings a unique perspective, and I believe our graduate community is strongest when that diversity is respected and reflected

If elected to the MGA committee, I will work to strengthen student connections, encourage a stronger sense of belonging, and advocate for student voices to be meaningfully represented. I will bring responsibility, integrity, and a proactive approach to the role, with a focus on delivering practical improvements that benefit the broader student community.

To me, leadership is about service. It is about showing up, listening carefully, and taking action where it matters. I am ready to contribute with dedication and purpose to help build a more inclusive, connected, and empowering environment for all students.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Chatarina Hanny Angelita Teja

*Coursework | Master of International Relations |
Faculty of Arts*

My name is Hanny, and I am an international graduate student completing a Master of International Relations at Monash University's Clayton campus. I am applying for the Clayton Campus Representative position to ensure that the perspectives and concerns of Clayton's graduate students are meaningfully represented and acted upon within the MGA Executive Committee.

As a Clayton-enrolled graduate student, I understand the academic, administrative, and day-to-day challenges that many of my fellow students share. From accessing academic resources and support services to finding community and belonging within a large and diverse campus environment. My experience has shown me the importance of campus-based policies and resources in shaping the lives of graduate students on campus.

Furthermore, I am currently serving as the International Students' Officer on the MGA Executive Committee. In this role, I have strongly supported and advocated for policy changes that address the most pressing challenges facing international graduate students. This includes liaising with Monash University committees, MGA staff and members, and external support organisations to connect students with practical resources across key areas such as student welfare, cost-of-living pressures, financial hardship, housing, and employment and visa matters.

I believe every graduate student, regardless of background, faculty, or course type, deserves a strong, informed voice in the decisions that shape their university experience. With my term concluding mid-year, I am eager to continue my contribution and work in the Committee by applying for the Clayton Campus Representative position.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE



Cicilya Candi

Research | PhD - IT |

Faculty of Information Technology

"I want to support students, listen to them, and create practical programs that help us feel more connected, supported, and prepared for our future"

Top Priorities

1. Supporting students' life adaptation,
2. Improving learning experience, and
3. Promoting mental wellbeing

Why I'm nominating

I have strong organisational experience, a proven track record of creating impact, and the ability to inspire and motivate others positively.

I am an international PhD student at Monash University, and my journey here has been both exciting and challenging. Moving to a new country, adapting to a different academic system, and building a new life from scratch are not always easy. During this process, the Monash Graduate Association (MGA) has played an important role in supporting students like me, providing not only resources and guidance but also a sense of belonging. Because of this experience, I feel genuinely motivated to give back. I would like to be part of the MGA Committee, with the hope of contributing to a supportive, inclusive, and empowering environment for all students, especially international students who may face similar challenges.

I believe that every student deserves to feel heard, supported, and connected. Through this role, I hope to actively listen to students' needs, advocate for their wellbeing, and contribute to meaningful initiatives that strengthen the graduate community at Monash. Beyond contributing, I also see this as an opportunity to build connections and collaborate with the diverse and inspiring members of the Monash community. I truly hope to grow together, create positive impact, and give back to the community that has supported me throughout my journey.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Ganung Ardian

Coursework | Master of Engineering |
Faculty of Engineering

"Do the best effort to implement my IMEI."

Top Priorities

1. Inclusive Community
2. Mental Health
3. Well-being

Why I'm nominating

I am easy going, I am confidence and I believe that I can bring a MOVE.

I am running for the Monash Graduate Association (MGA) Executive Committee to ensure that Master of Engineering students have a powerful, proactive voice in our university community. As we navigate a rigorous professional degree, the challenges we face—from balancing intensive design projects to securing industry placements—require a representative who understands the unique pressures of the Faculty of Engineering.

My Strategic Priorities :

- I.M.E.I
- Inclusive Community,
- Mental Health & Well-being,
- Enhanced Facilities & Support
- Industry Connectivity

I bring a blend of technical discipline and empathetic leadership. My goal is not just to sit at the table, but to ensure your concerns result in tangible policy changes. I am committed to transparency, accessibility, and tireless advocacy.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Jay Rohit Sharma

Coursework | Masters in IT |

Faculty of Information Technology

"Listen to students, escalate their concerns/queries, take action and bring changes."

Top Priorities

1. More networking events
2. More food distributions to support nutrition and affordability
3. Better lounge amenities

Why I'm nominating

I wish to bear the responsibility and be the voice of thousands of students at MGA.

Hello everyone

You may have seen me around campus - usually in a volunteering t-shirt. That is because I genuinely enjoy helping people and being part of the Monash welfare community.

My motivation for running for Monash Graduate Association (MGA) Clayton Campus Representative is to contribute on a larger scale - ensuring that student voices are heard and acted upon, as well as providing a better environment for the postgrads.

A bit about me:

I am an international student in my final year of a Master of Information Technology. I have extensive experience in leadership through volunteering across various campus communities, where I support Monash Student Association (MSA), Monash Student Communities (MSC), and MGA in running their events. I have also organised social events to foster a safe, welcoming environment for students from diverse backgrounds. These experiences have shaped my values for giving back to the community.

A few of my main focuses this year will be:

- Organising more networking events
- Improving lounge amenities for students
- Requesting for more meeting rooms

I also want this to be a two-way conversation. If you have any concerns or ideas, feel free to come up and talk to me - I will endeavour to address and represent them if I am to be elected. I am approachable, reliable, and always happy to listen. If you are looking for someone who is already involved and ready to do more,

I would really appreciate your support.

Thank you

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Kartikeya Gupta

Coursework | Master of Data Science |
Faculty of Information Technology

"If elected, I will represent graduate student concerns, advocate for fair transport benefits, improve academic support communication, and promote better connectivity and engagement across Monash."

Top Priorities

1. Fair postgraduate transport concession advocacy
2. Clear academic guidance and support
3. Centralized platform for campus events

Why I'm nominating

To represent and advocate for postgraduate students, improve transparency and communication, address key student concerns, and help build a more connected and supportive graduate community.

My name is Kartikeya Gupta, and I'm currently pursuing a Master of Data Science at Monash University. My journey to Monash has been shaped by diverse experiences—from completing my Bachelor's in Computer Engineering in India to earning an MBA in Operations and spending four years working in the IT industry. Along the way, I developed strong analytical and problem-solving skills while also learning the value of collaboration and building meaningful connections with people.

During my undergraduate studies, I had the opportunity to serve as Joint Secretary for the Indian Society for Technical Education (ISTE). That experience was incredibly rewarding—it allowed me to organize events, connect with fellow students, and contribute to building a more engaged and supportive student community.

Outside of academics, I genuinely enjoy bringing people together. Whether it's through sports, events, or informal gatherings, I believe some of the best parts of university life come from the connections we make and the experiences we share.

If given the opportunity, my goal is to help create a more connected, inclusive, and supportive postgraduate community at Monash. I want to advocate for fairer student benefits—such as transport concessions for postgraduate students—improve clarity around credit system and available support, and work towards building a centralized platform where students can easily discover events and opportunities across campuses.

I would truly appreciate your support. It would mean a lot to me to represent you and work together towards making our Monash experience more connected, accessible, and enjoyable for everyone..

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE



Kesar Mahendrakumar Jain

Coursework | MBIS |
Faculty of Information Technology

"I will talk less, execute more, leverage my connections, create meaningful opportunities, support students practically, and bring creative, inclusive initiatives to life on campus."

Top Priorities

1. Empower students through stronger networking
2. Address student cost of living
3. Gamify opportunities for engagement

Why I'm nominating

Everyone wants to make a change. I want to be in the room where it happens, building networks, creating opportunities, and turning ideas into outcomes.

Finding a job right now feels frustrating, exhausting, and at times even unfair, and too many students are left figuring it out on their own.

I am standing for the General Committee because this is something I have personally experienced, and I know many others feel the same. As an international student, I have spent hours applying for roles and waiting without hearing back. It can feel confusing, discouraging, and isolating.

I truly appreciate that MGA is already doing a great job creating opportunities and supporting students. I want to build on that by making these experiences more creative, engaging, and easier to be a part of. Networking should not feel intimidating. It should feel natural, welcoming, and even enjoyable.

One thing I really want to focus on is gamifying the experience. Imagine a more interactive MGA platform where students can earn points for attending events, making connections, or participating in activities, with small incentives that encourage people to get involved. This, along with a more approachable and active online presence, can make opportunities feel less overwhelming and more exciting to explore.

I also believe in starting early. The connections we make in university can shape our future, and we should be encouraged to build them from day one in an inclusive and supportive way.

If elected, I will listen, show up, and work towards making opportunities more accessible, inclusive, and genuinely engaging for all students.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Madhumitha Challa

Coursework | Master of IT |

Faculty of Information Technology

"I will champion SSAF reallocation for food security, legislate universal 72-hour cognitive recovery buffers, and amplify faculty-based grants to accelerate postgraduate professional career transitions."

Top Priorities

1. The Afternoon Food Trinity
2. The Three-Day Threshold
3. The Tiered Talent Transition

Why I'm nominating

As an IT Peer Mentor, I'm nominating to bridge the gap between university resources and postgraduates through research-backed welfare, academic equity, and professional industry connections.

My name is Madhumitha Challa, and I am seeking your vote to serve as your dedicated voice on campus. As an IT Postgraduate Peer Mentor, I work directly with our cohort and see the isolation and financial stress currently overlooked at the campus level. I will advocate for the MGA to fund the Afternoon Food Trinity on our campus, providing free food three times a week between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Beyond immediate meals, I will champion the use of MGA welfare grants for fortnightly grocery pop-ups and lobby for the Three-Day Threshold, a universal 72-hour automatic extension buffer to help students manage intense workloads without compromising their health. To drive career success, I will facilitate the Tiered Talent Transition by creating Faculty-Based Postgraduate Clubs and hosting Campus-Based Industry Networking Events to provide direct professional connections. My plan also includes establishing an MGA-supported peer-to-peer academic support program for foundation subjects, offering a comfortable environment for students to seek guidance. I will advocate for the MGA to fund the placement of free women's health products in all campus restrooms and host free Multicultural Proms to build a vibrant, inclusive community. Finally, I will lobby for a Mid-Week Wellness Policy to dedicate time free from academic commitments for physical activity. I bring a professional background in service delivery and a record of proactive student engagement. I am an approachable leader who understands how to navigate the MGA funding system to deliver practical results for our campus.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Md Samiul Karim Khan

*Coursework | Master of Professional Engineering |
Faculty of Engineering*

As a Master of Professional Engineering student at the Clayton campus, I am eager to serve as an Executive Member of the MGA at my campus. My journey at Monash began with the MGA orientation and volunteer program, where I witnessed firsthand the vital role this association plays in fostering a supportive, inclusive, and vibrant graduate community. These experiences motivated me to contribute more deeply to our student body.

I bring proven leadership experience from my undergraduate studies at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), where I served as President of the ITE Student Chapter. In that role, I led diverse teams, organized large-scale events, and advocated for student interests. I understand the unique challenges graduate students face, from navigating academic pressure to seeking professional development and social connection.

If elected, I will focus on enhancing campus engagement and ensuring that the voices of Clayton's engineering and wider graduate community are heard. I am committed to working collaboratively with the MGA committee to improve student wellbeing, create networking opportunities, and ensure every graduate student feels represented. My goal is to bridge the gap between students and the university, building a more connected and empowered community for us all. I would be honored to represent you and work tirelessly toward our shared success.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE



Neer Jaykumar Vasa

Coursework | Master of IT |

Faculty of Information Technology

"Establish food relief programs, launch "Friending Events" for Master's students, and create a calmer campus environment to improve student wellbeing and peer support."

Top Priorities

1. Expand campus food relief programs.
2. Launch Master's student friending events.
3. Foster calm, supportive student spaces.

Why I'm nominating

To drive positive campus change, expand food relief, and host inclusive "Friending Events" that foster a calm, supportive community for all Master's and graduate students.

Why I am seeking election:

Positive change on campus and a calmer, more supportive environment for all graduate students are my primary goals. My objective is to expand food relief programs to directly address student wellbeing and financial stress. Additionally, I aim to launch "Friending Events" specifically designed for Master's students to share their unique journeys, exchange experiences, and build lasting network / Friendship. I am committed to making the MGA a more inclusive space where every student feels heard and supported.

About me:

Currently pursuing a Master of IT, I have been an active volunteer since 2025, which has given me a deep understanding of our diverse campus community. I bring a strong interest in event management and blockchain technology. I am a dedicated learner and a collaborative leader, eager to apply my technical background and volunteer experience to ensure the MGA remains a vibrant, resourceful, and responsive home for the graduate student body.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Nguyen Tuong Vy Le

Coursework | Master of Data Science |
Faculty of Information Technology

"I will launch data-driven wellbeing programs, create regular student feedback channels, collaborate with faculties, and deliver career workshops connecting students with industry mentors and opportunities."

Top Priorities

1. Enhance mental wellbeing support
2. Improve communication between students and MGA
3. Expand career and industry opportunities

Why I'm nominating

To give graduate students a stronger voice, improve wellbeing support, and build a more connected, inclusive community where every student feels heard, supported, and valued.

My name is Nguyen Tuong Vy Le and I am a Master of Data Science student in the Faculty of IT at Clayton campus, with an expected graduation in September 2027. I am applying for the MGA Executive Committee because I am committed to making the graduate student experience more supportive, connected, and impactful.

As a data science student, I bring a problem-solving mindset and a strong ability to translate student needs into practical, evidence-based solutions. I understand that graduate students often face challenges beyond academics, including mental wellbeing, career uncertainty, and social isolation. I want to ensure that MGA initiatives are not only inclusive but also genuinely effective in addressing these issues.

My goal is to strengthen student engagement by creating initiatives that are both meaningful and scalable. This includes improving communication between students and the university, supporting mental wellbeing through innovative platforms, and expanding career-focused opportunities that align with industry expectations.

I also aim to represent diverse student voices, particularly international students, by ensuring their concerns are heard and reflected in decision-making. I believe representation should go beyond presence and lead to real change.

With a proactive attitude, strong analytical skills, and a genuine passion for student wellbeing, I am ready to contribute to MGAEC and help build a more connected and supportive graduate community at Monash.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Saddam Mustafa

*Research | PhD Chemistry |
Faculty of Science*

Top Priorities

- 1. Improve access to MGA information.**
- 2. Create affordable social events.**
- 3. Establish clear student concern reporting pathways**

My name is Saddam Mustafa, and I am a PhD student in Chemistry in the Faculty of Science at Monash University, Clayton campus, with an anticipated completion date of 15/02/2029. I am nominating myself for a position in the Monash Graduate Association to deliver practical outcomes that directly benefit graduate students.

If elected, I will focus on three concrete areas. First, I want to improve how information reaches students. Many graduate students miss out on MGA events and support services simply because they do not know they exist. I will work to ensure that updates about workshops, funding opportunities, and social events are shared through channels students actually check, including departmental mailing lists and lab common areas. Second, I will advocate for more affordable social activities scheduled at times that accommodate research students with irregular hours. Third, I want to establish clearer pathways for students to raise concerns about supervision, workload, or campus facilities, and ensure those concerns are followed up properly.

For international students specifically, I want to help create practical resources about visa processes, housing, and part-time work opportunities that are easy to access and understand. I also want to facilitate more peer-to-peer connections between new and continuing students so that useful advice is shared directly.

My focus is on small, consistent improvements that make a real difference in how students experience graduate study at Monash. I ask for your vote to make this happen.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE



Sarah Louise Melinda Gandolfo

Research | PhD |
Faculty of Education

"Listen deeply, advocate effectively, strengthen communication, and foster inclusive opportunities that ensure all graduate students feel connected, represented, and empowered within the Monash community."

Top Priorities

1. Amplify graduate student voice
2. Strengthen campus community connection
3. Advocate inclusive and responsive decision-making

Why I'm nominating

To lead with purpose: amplifying graduate voices, building genuine connection, and ensuring every student feels represented, supported, and empowered to shape their university experience.

I am nominating for Campus Representative to contribute strong, values-driven leadership and governance that meaningfully represents and advocates for graduate students. I bring a relational and human-centred approach to leadership, grounded in connection, integrity, and a commitment to inclusive practice. Through my professional experience in education and leadership, I have developed the ability to listen deeply, engage diverse perspectives, and translate ideas into practical action. I am confident facilitating dialogue, navigating complexity, and advocating for outcomes that reflect the needs and experiences of a broad community. I believe effective leadership is not about speaking for others, but creating the conditions where all voices can be heard and respected. I bring strengths in collaboration and communication, with a focus on building trust and fostering a sense of belonging. I am particularly committed to ensuring that students who may feel less visible—such as those studying part-time, online, or balancing multiple responsibilities—are actively included in decision-making processes. As a Campus Representative, I would approach the role with professionalism, responsiveness, and care. I am organised, proactive, and committed to following through on initiatives that enhance student experience and wellbeing. I am also reflective in my practice, continually seeking feedback to improve how I lead and represent others. I am motivated by the opportunity to contribute to a graduate community where students feel connected, supported, and empowered to influence the environment in which they learn.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Shuqian Liu

Coursework | Master of Digital Learning |
Faculty of Education

"Communicating with students and staff, providing valuable opinions and suggestions, and conveying services and voices."

Top Priorities

1. Active volunteering
2. Strong team working
3. Positive contribution

Why I'm nominating

I would like to contribute my efforts to the community and I believe I have the qualities to take this role.

I nominate myself for the Clayton campus-tagged position because I believe I can make a positive and valuable contribution to the graduate student community on the Clayton campus. I understand that a good volunteer should be responsible, helpful, enthusiastic, proactive, and professional in volunteer activities and I believe these qualities are what I can bring to this role. I also believe that volunteering can make a meaningful impact by supporting others, fostering a harmonious campus environment, and building strong connections towards the community. As a general volunteer with MGA in 2025 and 2026, I have participated in several activities and I assisted with setting up events, checking registration with students, distributing items, and communicating MGA services in the activities. Through these experiences, I have developed strong teamwork and communication skills by working closely with other volunteers, staff, and students in a welcoming and respectful manner. These opportunities have allowed me to demonstrate my willingness to support others and contribute positively to the community. I believe I am a suitable nominee because I am enthusiastic, reliable, and committed to making a meaningful difference for graduate students on the Clayton campus.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Syed Kazim Mehdi Rizvi

Coursework | Master of Professional Engineering|
Faculty of Engineering

"If elected, I will advocate for students, improve communication, support inclusive initiatives, and ensure decisions reflect student needs while fostering a connected and supportive community."

Top Priorities

1. Improve student communication and transparency
2. Strengthen campus engagement and community
3. Advocate for accessible student support

Why I'm nominating

I'm nominating to represent students effectively, amplify diverse voices, improve communication, and help create a more inclusive, supportive, and engaging campus community for everyone.

I am nominating for the campus-tagged position because I am passionate about representing the unique needs, perspectives, and experiences of students on this campus. I understand that each campus has its own culture, challenges, and priorities, and I am committed to ensuring our voices are heard clearly and consistently at the executive level.

My focus will be on strengthening communication between students and leadership, advocating for accessible services, and creating more opportunities for engagement on campus. I believe representation is not just about speaking on behalf of students, but actively listening, consulting, and responding in meaningful ways.

I bring strong organisational skills, a collaborative mindset, and a genuine commitment to student wellbeing. I am approachable, proactive, and willing to put in the work required to ensure our campus is not overlooked in decision-making processes.

If elected, I will work to build a more connected and inclusive campus community where every student feels supported and represented.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE

Viktoriiia Ignateva

Coursework | Master of Artificial Intelligence/
Faculty of Information Technology

"I will push for practical support systems, ensure your diverse needs are represented in policy, and fight to make university experience smoother, safer, and inclusive."

Top Priorities

1. Accessible and tailored student support.
2. Stronger advocacy for international students.
3. Inclusive, graduate-led university decision-making

Why I'm nominating

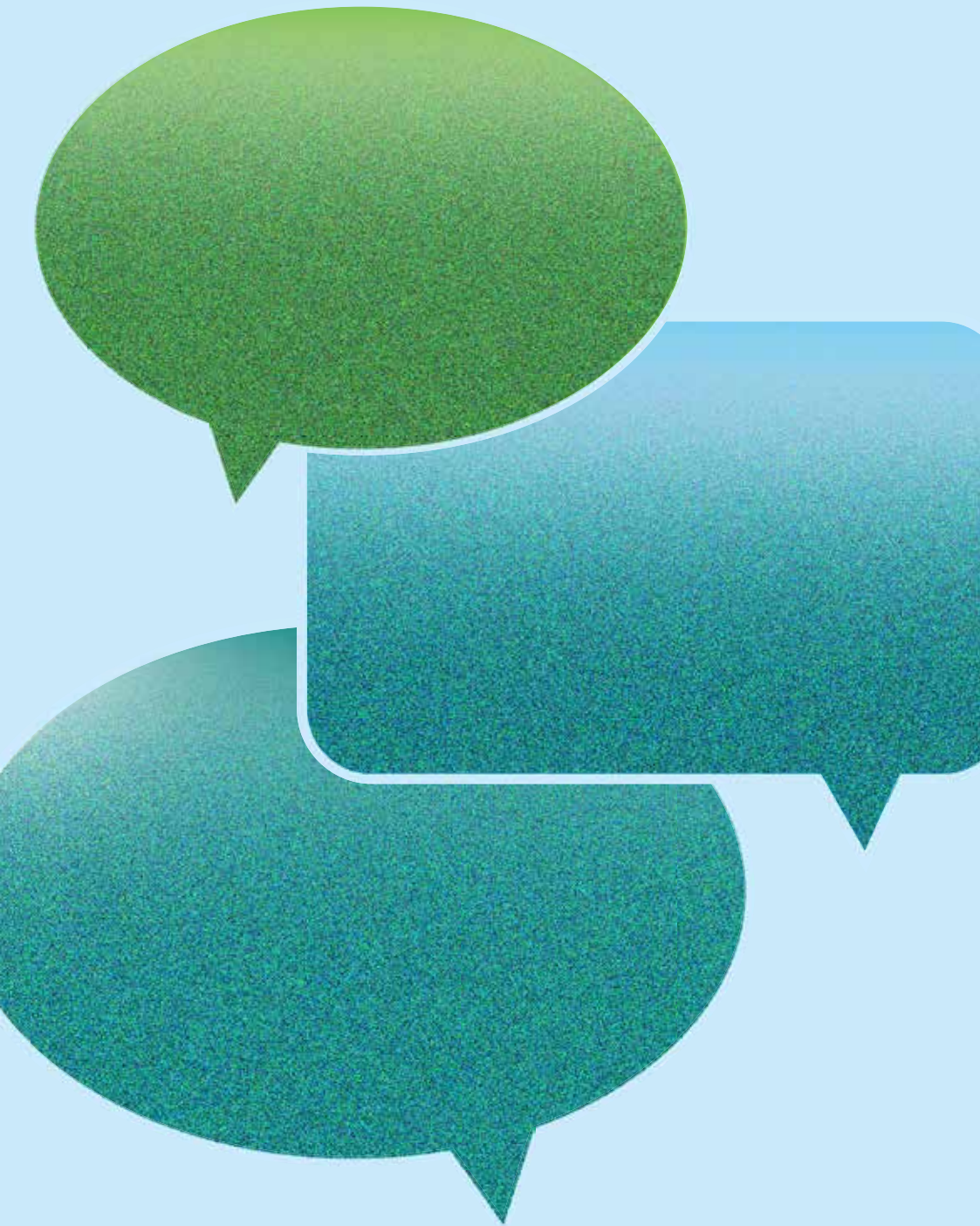
As a student representative and leader, I've successfully fought for better policies. I am committed to making sure every graduate student feels heard and supported.

As a Master of Artificial Intelligence student, Graduate Student Representative on the University Education Committee, leader of two student teams, and Women in STEMM Student Leader Awardee 2026, I have dedicated my time at Monash to amplifying the voices of graduate students. My advocacy has been built on a foundation of tangible impact: successfully advocating for policy changes around research stream access, universal submission times, and enhanced resources for international students. I am proud to have earned the trust of both faculty leadership and my colleagues through my commitment to constructive, evidence-based representation.

If elected to the MGA Executive Committee, my focus will be three-fold. First, I will prioritise student wellbeing by advocating for more tailored support systems, drawing on my personal experience navigating complex personal challenges during my degree. I know that for many of us, academic success is inseparable from having a safe, stable, and inclusive environment. Second, I will work to bridge the gap between student experiences and university administration, ensuring our diverse needs, especially for our large international and postgraduate cohorts, are addressed with practical, sustainable solutions. Finally, I will promote inclusivity by championing diverse representation in leadership, just as I have through my work at MOSAIC and the Monash Data & AI Society.

I am a resilient, proactive leader who listens first and acts with purpose. I am eager to use my experience to ensure that every graduate student at Monash feels heard, supported, and empowered to succeed.

CLAYTON REPRESENTATIVE



PARKVILLE REPRESENTATIVE



Seraphine Grace Abraham

Coursework | Master of Pharmaceutical Science/
Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

"I will do my best to hear everyone's opinions about their courses and bring about genuine change, and hopefully introduce some fun events too!"

Top Priorities

1. Put forward different student voices
2. Bring holistic and realistic changes
3. New events everyone can enjoy.

Why I'm nominating

I'm nominating to bring a fresh perspective to the MGA, to ensure that people's voices across cohorts are heard and valued!

Hi voters! My name is Seraphine, and I would love to be your Parkville campus representative for 2026! I love making new friends and talking to different kinds of people, and I have a passion for making people feel heard and valued. I've had the opportunity to meet a ton of people in my Master of Pharmaceutical Science so far! I have an appreciation for all our students and their backgrounds, and love learning about each one of them, too. If you've met me, you probably understand what I mean LOL! I'm in a bit of a unique position as a part-time student, so I've gotten to know people from both the 2027 and 2028 graduating classes as I complete units alongside them. I also want to actively represent graduate students outside my degree, but I feel that my current position could really help me bring a fresh perspective to the MGA and represent all of you guys well. I have student representative experience from high school and my undergraduate degree, and in 2025, had the opportunity to experience one full year of MGA/PPA events. Now that I'm a bit more settled in, I'm ready to step it up! Our past representatives have done a great job, but I want to push us further to create events and opportunities that will really stick with YOU guys and your varied passions. So, vote for me, Seraphine Grace Abraham, to have a vibrant and welcoming MGA experience in 2026! Thank you <3

PARKVILLE REPRESENTATIVE

Yannee Liu

Research | Doctor of Philosophy |
Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

"Yannee will amplify postgraduate voices, deliver inclusive events and support programs, ensuring meaningful representation, fostering community and improving the postgraduate student experience at Monash."

Top Priorities

1. Community, inclusion and engagement
2. Meaningful representation and student voice
3. Student wellbeing and mental health

Why I'm nominating

Yannee is deeply committed to strengthening representation for Parkville postgraduate students in the MGAEC and fostering a more connected, inclusive, and equitable community at Monash.

Yannee believes that actions speak louder than words and has been passionate about student advocacy and representation throughout her whole life. Yannee consistently seeks to ensure that student voices are heard and meaningfully represented in decision-making in her community and at Monash University. Yannee is deeply committed to strengthening representation for Parkville postgraduate students in the MGAEC and fostering a more connected, inclusive, and supportive community.

Yannee has over six years of committee and youth leadership experience. Committee experiences include over four years of experience as an executive member of the Monash Parkville Student Union and over two years of experience with the Parkville Postgraduate Association and the Victorian Youth Congress. Yannee has organised social events that build a sense of community, promoted mental health and wellbeing initiatives and worked to create safe and inclusive spaces at Monash University. Yannee displays excellent interpersonal, teamwork and leadership skills coordinating events such as EDI week and welcome events for postgraduate students, particularly at Monash Parkville campus.

Yannee is an enthusiastic, motivated, and empathetic leader who strives to empower those around her. Yannee values collaboration and works effectively within teams, bringing people together to achieve shared goals and deliver meaningful outcomes for all students.

Yannee is excited to represent Monash postgraduate students, contributing to initiatives that prioritise social connection, welfare support, mental health and wellbeing advocacy. Yannee is committed to listening to students, amplifying student voices, and working collaboratively to create a positive and enriching postgraduate experience for all students.

PARKVILLE REPRESENTATIVE