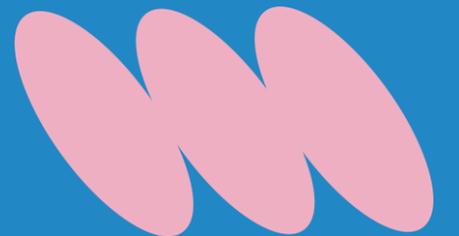




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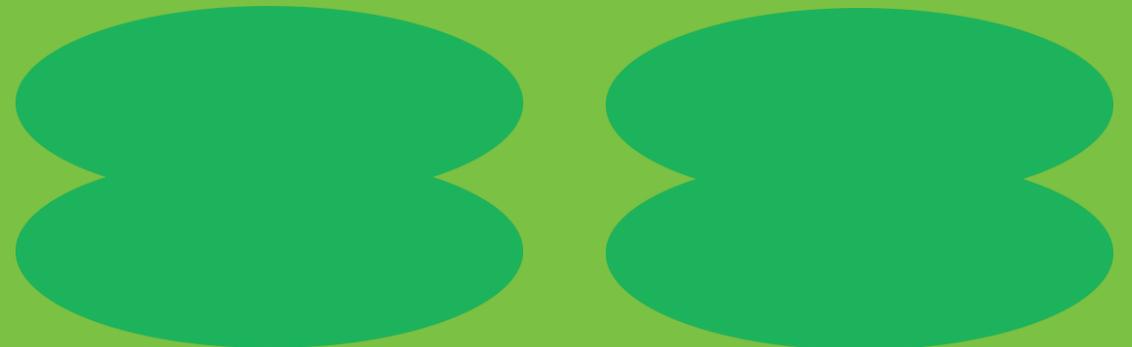
I'm Mehul Kumar Agarwal, I'm from India. I'm currently in my third year, pursuing a double major in Aerospace Engineering & Mathematics. Like all of you, I'm staying up (thanks to coffee) to make sure I get good grades; I have some amazing friends; I also have been relentlessly job hunting and I'm just waiting for Roundhouse to host a party! As the Vice-President of my school, I served as a medium to ensure all members had a memorable experience. I understand that it's been a difficult year, it has taken a toll on our mental health, but, I believe with my passion, zeal and creativity, Arc will be able to bounce back with some amazing & rewarding experiences in store for our students. University is not just a mere institution, it's a whole experience. I want the students of UNSW to engage in every single opportunity that we offer!



Q&A

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR ARC?

I would like for Arc to be a more personal and interactive space for our students, it should be a safe environment. I want to further strive towards making Arc a reflection of the interests and needs of our students. Arc has a lot to offer to our students, yet, I believe that there is a barrier between the students and Arc, which prevents the awareness of these various opportunities. Therefore, I would want to work towards diminishing that barrier and amalgamating the student community with Arc, to increase awareness of the vast range of facilities available.





WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO BE A STUDENT LEADER, AND WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACHIEVE BY BEING ON THE ARC BOARD?

I strongly believe that as a student leader, I would keep the best interests of the students of UNSW at heart. As a director of the Arc Board, I would encourage mental health awareness. Initiatives such as Are U Okay Day? and Mental Health Day has started a conversation; however, I believe we need to build upon that foundation. Mental health resources and services need to be more accessible for students. Moreover, as an international student, I understand the stigma attributed to mental health and would like to address that. I would like to normalize seeking help for mental health and ensure that students can approach Arc for any direction towards services they require. Partnering with organizations such as Headspace and Beyond Blue, to incorporate more discussions about the various spectrums of mental health is extremely crucial. As we are representatives of the youth, I firmly believe that there should be no barrier between the students and us.



WHY IS ARC IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Being an international student and being away from home, the university becomes a home away from home. I want each and every student to feel that university is a safe space, as well as a learning ground with several opportunities to offer. I appreciate all the opportunities that Arc & UNSW has provided me with and I would want to further extend my gratitude through serving the student community. Upon the foundation that has been built by previous Arc directors, I would contribute further by increasing opportunities for students.

