



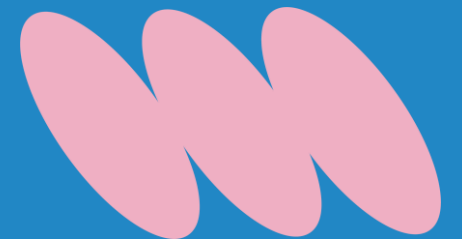
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Who am I?

International. Multicultural. Multilingual. Chocoholic. Cinephilia. Cricketer.

Like many of you, UNSW has been the turning point in my life. I find myself taking more chances and standing for what I believe and trust in. Arc is the face that runs the place providing outstanding student life experience in this University. Over 2020, I have taken leadership initiatives and been part of Arc clubs namely, Graduate Student Association, UNSW Squash Club, IRC & Arc Volunteering all whilst being a resident at Warrane College and serving as its Promotions Director.

To become a Student Director for the Arc Board means to serve with utmost responsibility and sheer commitment towards the Student community and to ensure the best student experience on campus. I believe to do the role justice and be the voice for my fellow cohort, may they be a fresher or in their final year, undergrad or postgrad.





UNSW Student Life

Q&A



WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR ARC?

If elected as Student Director, I believe I can do the role justice and thereby ensuring that ARC is a transparent organisation run by students, for students, by providing valuable funding and support that keeps the arts, representation, volunteering, advocacy, freebies, live music, cultural spirit alive on campus and will improve student life on campus immeasurably. My vision is for this organisation to be THE best in the country that provides a holistic and well rounded campus life experience for students irrespective of their gender, race, religion, or nationality. Especially evolving a culture by embracing equity and supporting a diverse and inclusive community for all.





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

I consider myself to be a leader for the longest time. Through my journey thus far, I have taken initiatives to bring about change and having the determination to bring out the best in other people. From being the a class representative at school, Captain of my team, Vice President Of the Student council during my Undergraduate studies, to being the secretary of a UNSW Sports club and Promotions Director at college within the university, Each experience has brought out the best in me to strive towards making a difference and helping others along the way. As a student Director, I will provide the students at UNSW by offering my hand to take them where they want to be at their time at Uni. By being on the board, I will collaborate with my team by respecting everyone's opinions and run the the board to its fullest potential.



WHY IS ARC IMPORTANT TO YOU?

One of Arc's core values is "Embrace and Drive Change". I strongly stand by this value. To strive to be the best, means to embrace change and the horrors of leaving the comfort zone. As an International student arriving in Sydney was overwhelming in itself and Arc made it possible for me to immerse myself to a take part in campus life, especially to make friends from around the world and to learn about different cultures. I changed my outlook and have been accustomed to having change a driving factor in my life. One such example was nominating myself for Student Director of Arc Board. Being a student at UNSW for a while, I have been able to engage with clubs and societies that has enriched my student life thus far and I would like to take this opportunity to give back to the student community to the best of my abilities.