

S0767_2: Nominations Form

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MANIFESTO* Losing my dad to Parkinson's led me to the Open University, after noticing sufferers would appear distant long before diagnosis. I wanted to try to develop a facial-recognition model to improve how we identify the condition, and in 2019 first began studying for a BSc to develop my knowledge.

The experience honed my skillset of how to conduct research and surrounded me with a supportive community of like-minded, passionate peers. It's why having interrupted my studies to pursue a medical career, I have returned to the OU following personal challenges including becoming a carer for a family member. The OU has since offered an opportunity to explore a deeper interest in medical physics as well as return to OUSA.

My story may be similar to some of you reading, who have looked to chart new paths during an uncertain two years. I am standing for the post of VP Administration because an effective financial strategy is central to strengthening the OUSA offer. The role provides an opportunity to influence funding negotiations with the University that should lead to greater support, activities, and events. Meanwhile, responsibility for accounts ensures that the money spent by the association is in the best interests of students.

My platform is to invest in affiliated societies and increase support for them in devising their accounts and constitutions. To the role, I bring experience of financial oversight including as the Governor of a hospital trust and former youth trustee of an international charity.

PLEDGES* Vote for a student-centred funding model. This means enhancing the support offered to affiliated societies. It sees the VP playing a proactive role in engaging with student groups, identifying opportunities for students and how funding can be targeted to aid recovery from the pandemic.

Roles* VP Administration

