

KYLIE FOR GRAD OFFICER



Advocating for Postgraduate workers and Master's Students

I am a Master of Common Law 2024 Graduate and I have been the Disability Rights Campaigns Coordinator in the SU for the past two years. In my role, I worked to increase accessibility on campus, where I co-authored the UCDSU Green Paper submission and introduced the Accessibility Survey to collect information on areas in the university where we are failing to be accessible.

I am an **international student** and will fight for both domestic and international student rights on campus and within Ireland. I am also a dog parent and a video game enthusiast.

As your next Graduate Officer, I will fight for rights for all Master's students and PhD workers. The goals for next year are to **increase PhD stipends** and **access to employment law standards** within the workplace while also **fighting for decreased tuition** for programmes throughout UCD.

Vote Kylie for change you can rely on!



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KYLIE IS THE KEY

Vote April 2-4!

VOTE #1 FOR GRADUATE OFFICER

UNLOCKING SUPPORTS FOR ALL POSTGRADS

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WHAT I WILL DO:

Fight for Postgraduate Workers

- Fight for a fair wage for postgraduate workers to align with the recommendations for stipends.
- Engage with the PWO and further demand that the government tackle issues around sick, maternity and parental leave and around the inequity faced by international PhD workers.
- Demand that the government introduce the full recommendations of the PhD review.
- Engage with our new VP for Research Impact and Innovation to address centrally funded PhDs and create influence in the new state funding bodies for research.
- Ensure that we are including postgraduate students and workers in all colleges.

Increase Student Supports

- Organise fun and relaxing ways to de-stress around exams, like puppy therapy.
- Ensure that supports provided by the Union are replicated in Smurfit and extended to all graduate students and workers to ensure equity of experience, with a focus on ensuring that Smurfit students do not feel like an afterthought.
- Organise exam preparation supports for postgraduates.
- Continue building the student community and connectivity by instituting graduate student events, such as regular graduate mixers held in both Belfield and Smurfit so that the opportunity to build community reaches everyone.

Lower the Fees

- Lobby to lower the tuition fees.
- Lobby for the university to create a policy of inclusion for graduate entry courses and lower the cost of them.
- Lobby for a fee freeze, and demand the government to increase funding to graduate entry courses.

Improve Accessibility

- Continue to demand for the release of lecture recordings or of detailed, legible lecture notes for all students in all courses.
- Work with Access and Lifelong Learning and University for All to ensure that these accommodations are implemented and being adhered to by the University.