

Postgraduate Engagement



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Kia ora, my name is Carolyn, an international post-grad student in my first year of study at Lincoln. Community for me is the most important aspect of a full university life, and my goals in my first semester as the Postgraduate Engagement representative has been to foster a strong student network and opportunities to gather together. During my short time in this position, I have discovered that it takes time and many people coming together to make a change here— and I truly believe that the most important first step of representing others is listening. I have spent my time in this role listening closely to students' needs and developing my personal relationships with Lincoln staff and students, and I would be honored to be entrusted to push for those very changes that will bring us together as a student body. Lincoln is full of amazing people who want to make change, but I believe it is often difficult to know just who to ask or where to find the resources. My goals, if elected for a full term, would be to continue the work I have begun: continue hosting post-graduate events during evenings and breaks— including post-graduate live music nights in Grounded, increasing international student advocacy, improving communication between Lincoln University, LUSA, and the student body, fighting for a Postgraduate student space, strengthening connections with the wider postgraduate community in Christchurch (such as with UC Canterbury), as well as with Lincoln's alumni network, and increasing student access to resources like software. I am here to make your voice heard, and to build a postgraduate community that's collaborative, inclusive, and worth showing up for. I can't wait to get to know you!