

Postgraduate Academic Representative LUSA 2027

Tena koutou katoa,

My name is Darius and I am putting myself forward again as your Postgrad Academic Rep, as there is still plenty to get on with.

During 2026, I have absolutely loved being able to advocate on the behalf of the Post Grad Student Body and see it turn into real change. I have communicated directly with the Boards found here on Campus, Departmental Heads and other staff to create win wins. I have helped create and sustain ongoing feedback, so you know that your concerns and challenges are taken seriously and not just filed away somewhere.

- **Supporting International Students** – working alongside the PG Engagement Rep I want to build more accessible Clubs, events within Grounded and extend the use of Student spaces so that no one feels alone as they navigate LU. We need each other.
- **Cost of living advocacy** – maintain pressure for real sustainable financial support and continue to build repore to access other available resources
- **Mental Health support** – I want to make sure that resources allocated are authentically targeted at Post grad life. Because of everyone's workload, isolation and pressure a 'one size fits' all approach doesn't work.
- **Better representation and Feedback** – Sustain communication, so our voice isn't heard only once as a 'tick-box' consultation, but shapes decisions. For example, we need more Post Study Visa guidance, support in immigration challenges and we need to do more in advocating for finding part-time jobs for the Post Grad Student Body.

I've learnt just how the university works, who to talk to, and how to get things moving and I want to keep utilising those experiences to make Lincoln University a better Post Grad experience for us all.

Thanks for reading and I'd love to get your vote

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