

Jun — Candidate for International Representative

I am Jun, an international PhD student in Food Science at Lincoln University and a bilingual student studying away from home. Moving to New Zealand for postgraduate study has taught me that adjusting to a new country involves much more than academic work. It means learning unfamiliar systems, finding the confidence to ask questions and building a sense of home in a new community.

I have supported new students as they learned laboratory routines and adjusted to university life. These conversations showed me how much difference a friendly explanation, a timely message or simply knowing where to go for help can make. I am standing for International Representative because international students should not have to work everything out alone.

If elected, I will focus on three practical priorities:

Make it easier to ask for help. I will work with LUSA, international advisers and student clubs to share practical information in clear, student-friendly language, so students know where to turn when they need support and do not have to navigate unfamiliar systems alone.

Help new international students feel they belong sooner. I will support welcoming, low-pressure opportunities for students to meet people, ask everyday questions and connect beyond their own course or cultural group.

Represent more than the loudest voices. I will listen to students from different countries, programmes and stages of study, including those who may not attend events or feel confident speaking up in English. I will raise recurring issues through the International Advisory Committee, LUSA and relevant University forums, and communicate back clearly about progress.

I will be approachable, organised and committed to listening respectfully. My goal is a Lincoln community where international students feel informed, included and confident that their perspectives matter.