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#WeAreInternational STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

UKCISA's student network of emerging
global talents and future leaders

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Foreword

I'm delighted to introduce you to our first cohort of #WeAreInternational Student Ambassadors. These inspirational students have demonstrated great determination and drive to develop their own skills by representing their peers, and are passionate about ensuring that the lived experience of international students is understood by policymakers at national and institutional level.

International students are at the heart of everything we do at UKCISA. I'm looking forward to learning from our student ambassadors to help ensure that we continue to support the international student experience.

Anne Marie Graham

UKCISA Chief Executive



About the programme

UKCISA is leading the development of a new chapter for the award-winning #WeAreInternational campaign, broadening the campaign's reach and celebrating international students from schools, colleges and study abroad programmes as well as universities.

Launched in November 2019 at UKCISA's first International Student Forum, the #WeAreInternational Student Ambassador Programme is an education policy and leadership development scheme for exceptional individuals from around the world currently studying and living in the UK.

We are helping to connect international students to an exciting network of emerging global talents and future leaders through their experience studying in the UK. Student ambassadors will be equipped with policy knowledge and leadership skills to lead change.

Our vision is to empower international students to be key partners in shaping a quality student experience, leading the #WeAreInternational campaign through influencing policy and representation, so that together we can develop an inclusive global student community and create the most global generation.

Please contact WeAreInternational@ukcisa.org.uk for any enquiries.

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Parvathy Ramesh

University of Glasgow (PGT)

India

Originally from India, Parvathy was awarded a scholarship by the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission to study an MSc in Global Mental Health at the University of Glasgow. She serves as the representative for the University for the Commission. Her experience in mental health settings and interactions with students across the UK has led to an interest in the mental health needs of international students. She is keen to understand and influence policy to ensure that international students are able to access the support they need, so that they can make the most of their time in the UK.

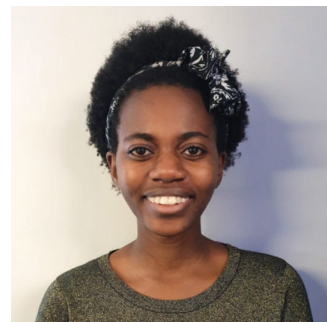


Michelle Jideofor

University of Bristol (UG)

Botswana

Michelle Jideofor came from Botswana in 2018 to study Civil Engineering at the University of Bristol. Initially wanting to gain work experience, she applied for the role of International Student Ambassador and immediately fell in love with it. She later became a Widening Participation Student Ambassador, which entails working with schools to deliver a range of activities and events on STEM related subjects. Her additional role of Student Quality Reviewer awakened her love for policy as she is the student representative in scrutinising the quality and standards of education provision and student academic experience through, for example, course reviews.



Daniel Haid

Sheffield Hallam University (PhD)

Germany

Having graduated from Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany, with an MSc in Sports Engineering, Daniel is now a postgraduate researcher at Sheffield Hallam University, with the aim of improving ice hockey helmets' impact attenuation performance and concussion prevention. During his Master's studies, he spent a semester at Luleå University of Technology in northern Sweden. Furthermore, he is engaged in his university's mentor programme for international students, works as a part of the Student Engagement, Evaluation and Research team, and volunteers as a coach for multiple teams in his university's ice hockey club.



Anant Rangan

University of Birmingham (UG)

USA

Anant is an international second year LLB (Hons) student at the University of Birmingham. He is passionate about promoting global interconnectedness through education, as he is Indian-born, American-raised, and British-educated. In his time in the UK, Anant has pursued opportunities to represent his fellow students and university. He is a student mentor, a student ambassador, and a member of the International Student Reference Group. He has also been engaged in feedback sessions at the university to improve assessment feedback and support offered to international students. Anant is keen to use his role as a #WeAreInternational Student Ambassador to shape policymaking.

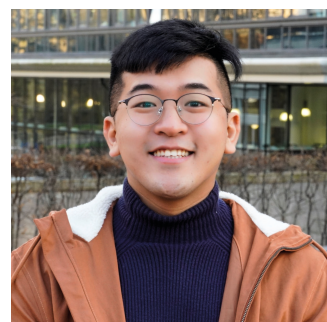


Khoa Nguyen

University of Leeds (PGT)

Vietnam

Khoa Nguyen is a Master's student majoring in Corporate Communications, Marketing and Public Relations under a Chevening scholarship (sponsored by Foreign Commonwealth Office) and a Link to Leeds Ambassador. Khoa has taken on the position of Head of Committee for his course's largest student-led event called Clubs7 – a platform to inspire students to become the best versions of themselves with the theme Connection. Khoa was also the founder of Comms Lab @ LUBS where experienced students can come together and exchange cultural and professional working insights in the field of communications.



Nebu George

Bangor University (PhD)

India

Nebu is a PhD Student of Archaeology at Bangor University researching application of geochemical techniques in archaeology. He has been in the UK since 2013 pursuing his BA and MA, before beginning his PhD at Bangor. Nebu has been working as an International Student Ambassador with the Internal Student Support Office at the University since 2014, where he supports newly arrived students, and is actively involved in dealing with international student affairs within the University. One of his major interests is improving the careers and employability guidance and services, and opportunities available for international students at UK universities.



Katie Crabtree

Leeds Trinity University (PhD)

USA

Katie Crabtree is a Doctoral Candidate in the Philosophy of Education at Leeds Trinity, University of Leeds. Her research interests focus on the meaning of study and liberal arts education. She serves on the Student Board of the American Journal of Education Forum. Katie holds an MA in the Philosophy of Education from the UCL Institute of Education, an MSc in Higher Education from Oxford, and a BSc in Psychology, French, and Public Administration from Grand Valley State University (MI, USA). Her long-term experience as a student abroad and theoretical interest in university education inform her passion for improving policy for international students in the UK.



Abdullah Umar Zulaidi

Newcastle University (UG)

Brunei Darussalam

Abdullah is currently a second-year student at Newcastle University pursuing an undergraduate degree in Politics and Economics. He mainly focuses on the discourses centred around contemporary social issues in global politics, African politics and the politics of immigration. The modules he chooses to study greatly complement his position as the president and representative of the Bruneian society at Newcastle University, where he works to support the wellbeing of his fellow international peers through organising events including sports, competitions and trips. This fuels Abdullah's interests to pursue further learning and training in influencing policy through networking and lobbying.



Adetoun Adebayo

University of Nottingham (UG)

Nigeria

Adetoun Adebayo is a final year LLB (Hons) Law student at the University of Nottingham. As an international student from Nigeria, she is passionate about helping other international students overcome challenges specific to them, ranging from visa applications to graduate job searches. As a result of this, she has undertaken roles as a welcome mentor and open day helper at her university. She also volunteered at the Personal Support Unit, and has been a Brightside mentor to sixth form students. She is the current welfare officer for One Heritage, a student society that aims to educate and facilitate discussions regarding issues of interest in the African and Caribbean Community. Adetoun aims to improve the overall international student experience by using her passion for learning more about democratic processes and policy changes to help others.



Yunyan Li

University of Bristol (PhD)

China

Yunyan is a second-year PhD student in Social Policy at the University of Bristol. She has run for the positions of faculty postgraduate research (PGR) student representative and Senate member in university governance meetings. Understanding what students need has helped Yunyan to build and develop sustainable networks and working relationships with them, enabling her to support student representation work more effectively. She is passionate about working to build a more inclusive and supportive community for all international students.

