

Hello everyone !! I am Akhila Denduluri, a third year PhD student in the department of Chemistry. I am interested in running for the role of Graduate Representative to the Council of the School of Physical Sciences. The interdisciplinary nature of my work spanning three departments, and opportunities to represent post-graduate students at a collegiate and departmental level helped me better understand the grad student unmet needs, and our experiences on both good and not-so-good days.



As such, if I were to be elected as the Grad Representative for School of Physical Science, my priority would be to engage with student community to understand their immediate needs in the context of COVID and related consequences. Stay safe and socially distanced !

#### **My objectives:**

- 1) Assess the day-to-day grad student experience with policy guidelines for diversity and inclusion
- 2) Engaging community in efforts and conversations towards equality and mental wellbeing
- 3) Transparent communication channels with students
- 4) Increased engagement with relevant offices to support grad students in the aftermath of COVID-lockdown and return
- 5) Explore interdisciplinary knowledge exchange and sharing within the School of Physical Sciences and
- 6) Maintain close working relationship with Cambridge Student Union (SU) and grad representatives from other schools

#### **Relevant experience:**

- MCR President, Murray Edwards College, 2019-20
- Bystander Training student facilitator, University of Cambridge, 2018-2019
- Graduate Student Representative, Dept. of Chemistry, 2017-18