

I'm Esteban! I'm reading an MPhil in Planning, Growth, and Regeneration, and I want to be the student voice on the Council of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences. As an undergraduate at Georgetown, I worked to influence hiring and curricular design practices throughout the university through my work with LGBTQ Resource Center and the Latino Leadership Forum. Among our objectives was to lobby the university and different academic departments for more representation of our diverse student body, and to express our concerns and grievances. We managed to create continuous open dialogue between the faculty leadership and university offices and groups that represented students' interests. I want to bring that same openness and transparency to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In this role, I would hope to augment the interface between graduate students and members of our faculty. I want to streamline the process of how students can advocate for themselves both individually and collectively. I want students to be able to present a more united front and engage meaningfully with our lecturers and other educators, and make our experience at Cambridge and in this School as *ours* as possible.