



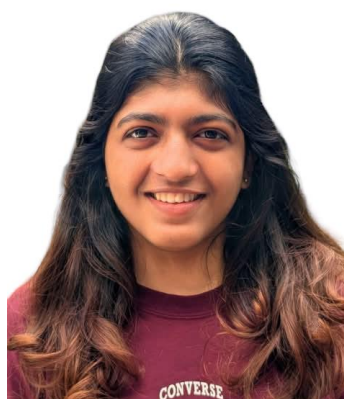
ELECTION OF ONE POSTGRADUATE STUDENT TO THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Curtin University Act 1966

Terms of office: commencing on 1 January 2027 and concluding 31 December 2027.

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

**Akshaya
ANIL SHEEBA**



Hi, I'm Akshaya Anil Sheeba! With Curtin facing a proposed university merger, choosing your student representative on the University Council has never been more important. Postgraduates deserve a strong voice in our university's future.

I'm a Master of Philosophy candidate in Chemical Engineering, a sessional academic and the Postgraduate Student Committee President, re-elected for 2027.

I've helped protect Research Training Program (RTP) scholarships for Masters by Research students, advocated for better public transport and parking, and helped organise opposition to the proposed merger.

I know postgraduate study can be isolating. I've worked to rebuild postgraduate representation and create opportunities for students to connect, build community and feel part of campus life.

I bring firsthand research and teaching experience, a record of standing up for postgraduates and a commitment to making Curtin a university where every student belongs.

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**Scott
STIRLING**



I am a certified board director (GAICD) and an AI, risk and PM professional, with over a dozen postgraduate qualifications. I serve as Vice Chair of the fourth largest high school in Western Australia, and I am studying my doctorate in how boards can better interpret and govern strategic threats that arise from complexity that resist measurement.

I work in the digital and AI space, and advocate for more digital literacy on corporate boards. The WA Government's university merger is just such a threat to Curtin's identity, which guts student choice and risks a decade of disruption. Now, more than ever, it is important for our governing council to have the strongest, most capable and most united representatives, who understand a proposed 2-billion-dollar merger during a cost-of-living crisis is dead on arrival.

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**Sohail
ZAHAR**



My name is Sohail Zafar, a PhD researcher in Chemical Engineering at Curtin University's WA School of Mines (WASM). I am committed to contributing meaningfully to the Curtin community and bringing a thoughtful, informed postgraduate student's perspective to University Council.

Alongside my research, I work as a Sessional Academic at Curtin, supporting students from diverse backgrounds in their learning and development. My participation in Curtin's leadership development program, along with my research, teaching, and professional experience, has strengthened my skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and responsible leadership.

I believe effective representation begins with listening. If elected, I will seek to understand the diverse experiences and perspectives of Curtin's postgraduate community and bring them constructively to Council discussions. I would approach the responsibility with integrity, openness and sound judgement, while contributing to decisions that support the long-term interests and success of the University.

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END OF CANDIDATE STATEMENTS