

ELECTION OF ONE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MEMBER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE
TO THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM, COMMENCING 1 JANUARY 2027

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



MOHAMMAD ASHHAR MEHDI

As a current UNSA Vice President (Experience & Engagement) and former Vice President (Welfare & Wellbeing), I have actively advocated and will continue to advocate for discounted food options, a vibrant community of student clubs and societies, and the SRC to be accessible to students.

I maintain an ongoing commitment to understanding what students need and translating this into real outcomes that students can see and feel. My priorities are clear:

- Affordability - continuing and expanding affordable food programs across all campuses, accommodating diverse dietary requirements
- Clubs and community - improving student engagement and retention, liaising with student club leaders, and increasing cultural programs
- Approachability & Advocacy - remaining accessible and approachable to students, ensuring your voice will be heard

I will remain transparent and focused on practical solutions that matter every day. Together, we can build a stronger, more supportive, and better-connected student community at the University of Newcastle.



IVANA PEDRUCO ANICETO

Hello! My name is Ivana Pedruco Aniceto and I am seeking re-election for the Undergraduate Student Member position on the University Council.

This past year, I have successfully advocated for greater attention regarding the financial pressures faced by students and ensured that the student experience is at the forefront of executive University decisions. Throughout my time on Council and my recent appointment to the NUServices Board, I have gained the skills, experience and relationships to further champion the student voice and ensure that no student gets left behind.

If re-elected, I will continue advocating for practical cost of living support, better parking, stronger assistance for students undertaking unpaid placements and an equitable student experience across every campus, for all students.

I remain committed to being a representative who listens to students and ensures their voices are heard within the University's highest decision-making body.