

# AMELIA FOR PG PRESIDENT

## Putting the SU in Sustainability

28th Feb - 3rd March  
[cambridgesu.co.uk/vote](https://cambridgesu.co.uk/vote)

### WHO AM I?

After being **SU Postgraduate Access, Education and Participation officer** for a year and getting some serious wins, more work needs to be done.

I have a background in **sociology and climate research** and will push the University to be a leader in sustainability in our fight against the climate crisis whilst simultaneously making the **Student Union a more responsive organisation** to postgraduate needs.

### WHAT HAVE I DONE?

- **SCRAPPED THE APP FEE!** You elected me last year to scrap the £75 PhD application fee, and within a term, I did it – and reduced the master's fee!
- Helped launch the **PG funding search tool** – it's here, check it out: [student-funding.cam.ac.uk/](https://student-funding.cam.ac.uk/)
- **Lobbied for better PhD supervision**, by fighting for universal training and the ability to easily change supervisor.
- Collaborated with departments to **record lectures** and use **closed captioning**.
- Re-established the **access officer forum**.
- HSPS PG **Academic Representative**.
- **Vice-President** of Lucy Cavendish SU.

### WHAT WILL I DO?

#### RENT VS STIPENDS

- Campaign against **extortionate rent** increases that do not match the rate of inflation in PhD stipends.

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

- Ensure the university **covers the NHS/Visa fee** for international students.

#### PG FUNDING

- Ensure all PhD courses **offer funding with a place**. Often ability to fund decides whether a place is taken.
- Urge the university to **create new master's bursaries**.

#### SUSTAINABLE CAMBRIDGE

- Campaign for all PG courses to include opportunities to learn about **sustainability and climate change**.
- Push for the University of Cambridge to **commit to Net Zero Emissions** by 2030.
- Fight for fossil-fuel industry **divestment** and **investments in sustainability** in colleges and departments.

#### PG STUDENT SUPPORT

- Lobby for **proper pay** for students who supervise for the **actual** hours they work.
- Ensure better **mental health support** through increased **pastoral care** and **clarity in the advisory system**.
- Continue to **improve doctoral supervision** through **standardised training** of students and supervisors of relationship expectations and sources of support.

#### POSTGRADUATE CAREERS

- Help to create **more opportunities** for postgraduate careers, particularly in **fossil-free industries**.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

- Champion liberation campaigns to create an **anti-racist University**.
- Support students **with care responsibilities**.

#### PG EVENTS

- Make the **SU a social space** where all students can engage and **participate** in the SU.

### QUESTIONS?

[alj59@cam.ac.uk](mailto:alj59@cam.ac.uk)