

CUSU

Part-Time Students Officer

Hi, I'm Jill Damatac-Futter, a part-time student on the MSt Creative Writing course and Selwynite, matriculated in 2019.

I'd love to be considered for this role to help bring part-time students, many of whom are based outside of Cambridge or the UK (I'm in London), closer together and closer to the CUSU and the university, in general. Lots of us are not only geographically scattered around the globe, but are also studying part-time in order to work or raise families, for instance. Part-timers can often feel a bit less connected to their college or the university as a result.

If chosen to help represent such students as Part-Time Students Officer, my priorities would be: to encourage open channels of communication between part-time students and the CUSU so that their questions, concerns, and interests are acknowledged and addressed; to help increase visibility and awareness of part-time students and their programmes to show how Cambridge is open to students of all backgrounds and life obligations; and to encourage part-time students to be more involved in aspects of student life, perhaps by creating more digital-based events and gatherings sponsored by CUSU for full- and part-time students to come together (based on research interests, or college, or geographical location, for example). This is especially crucial now, in these digital times of COVID-19.

I'm an open, friendly, and collaborative communicator and love working with others to help improve relationships and solve problems. As a settled Brit born in the Philippines and raised from childhood in America, I'm flexible and able to relate to my fellow part-time students from all walks of life.

Thank you very much for your consideration, and hope you're all staying safe, staying strong, and staying connected!

With my best wishes,
Jill Damatac-Futter