

# SIYANG WEI for PG ACCESS, EDUCATION & PARTICIPATION

## ACCESS & FUNDING

The availability and accessibility of funding presents **huge financial barriers** to postgraduate study at Cambridge. I will:

- Work with the University and colleges to **improve the funding search tool** and **streamline application** processes
- Push to establish **means-tested funding** for PGs, so resources go to those who need them
- Launch an inquiry into **PG tuition fee inflation**, particularly for international student fees

## POSTGRADUATE RIGHTS

It is vital for the students' union to **empower PG students** to participate in and advocate for our rights in all aspects of University life. I will:

- Encourage collaboration between MCRs and Cambridge SU's autonomous campaigns, ensuring our voices are **at the heart of student liberation work** in Cambridge
- Work with academic reps to introduce **mandatory training for supervisors** of PG students
- Actively support campus-wide student organising against draconian government policies such as the **hostile environment** and the **Prevent** duty
- Work with the Disabled Students' Officer to create **PG-specific resources** on e.g. intermission, reasonable adjustments, accessing mental health and disability support, etc.

## OPPOSING MARKETISATION

The marketisation of higher education has created a situation where PG study is **exorbitantly expensive** and early-career academic prospects are **increasingly precarious**. I will:

- Collaborate with Cambridge UCU on their campaigns, particularly the fight for **fair compensation** and **secure contracts** for PGs who do teaching work
- Work with my UG counterpart and academic reps to ensure PGs who teach are given **adequate training** and are paid for time spent in training
- Support cross-campus and nationwide student campaigns for **free, liberated PG education**

## WHY ME?

In my 4 years at Cambridge, I've been dedicated to fighting for change. I have been on the **BME** and **LGBT+ Campaign** committees, was **Labour Club Co-Chair**, and have **reported on key issues** in the student press. Through Cambridge Defend Education, I have worked on **Cut the Rent**, **UCU strike solidarity**, and other campaigns; I have also been a member of **Decolonise Sociology**. Last year I worked as a **staff member at another students' union**, helping sabbs to run campaigns and advocate for their students; this year, I have been part of the **GU exec** as **Open Portfolio** and now **Disabilities Officer**. I am **principled, experienced, and committed to working for you**.

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