Candidate Statement

President

JP Santos

Hey Bruins! My name is **JP Santos**, a 4th year PhD candidate in Electrical Engineering. This past year, I was honored to serve as your External VP, where I worked to better mentorship standards and advising for graduate researchers. I also worked on making UCLA resources more accessible to our student body. And finally, I continued to work with UCLA administrators to lower housing costs.

I am running as your next GSA President because I believe that **with your help, we can have the best graduate school experience now and for future students**. **We are what makes this campus special**. Specifically, I will work to:

1. **Improve** GradBars and social events highlighting our diverse students
2. **Fight** for TA, GSR, RA mentorship standards
3. **Support** COLA for All!
4. **Better** access to campus resources

**Together**, we will fight for more **T**ransparency, **A**ccessibility, and **CO**llaboration. Vote for **TACO**, **vote for JP**!

Vice President of External Affairs

Neda Ashtari

Hey Bruins!

My name is Neda, and I’m a 2nd year medical student at UCLA. I wanted to introduce myself because this year, I’m running for External Vice President of Graduate Student Association.

Since starting medical school, I’ve noticed a lot of areas where graduate students desperately need support and resources. That’s why I decided to serve as GSA’s Legislative Director over this past year. In this role, I’ve worked to increase accessibility to mental health services, fund basic needs and housing, and implement protections for graduate students working with PIs.

And as your EVP, I would continue to work on these pressing issues- but with your help. Through a program I call “Bench to Bill,” I hope to connect graduate students with the state legislature- allowing you to directly influence policy through informed research and collaboration.

Together, we will fight for more Transparency, Accessibility, and COllaboration. Vote for TACO!

Vice President of Internal Affairs

Musibau Francis Jimoh

Hi!

My name is **Musibau Francis Jimoh**, a 2nd year PhD student in the department of Materials Science of Engineering and I am running for the position of **Vice President Internal**.

If you grant me the privilege to represent you, I will focus on the following:

* **Housing**: Fight for **accessible and affordable** housing opportunities for every graduate student.
* **Transparency**: Work towards more transparency between UCLA administration and graduate students so as to collectively build a transparent and collaborative system where students’ voice count in decision making.
* **Socials/Networking**: To create varied social events and improve our Grad Bars as a platform to decompress, bring graduate students closer to one another and to provide opportunities to forge inter-faculty and cross disciplinary life-long business and professional relationships.

Vote for **Francis**!  Vote **T**ransparency, **A**ccountability and **CO**llaboration (TACO)!

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Letty Trevino

Hi Y’all!

My name is **Letty Trevino** . I am a 4th year PhD student in the Dept. of Spanish &

Portuguese and I am running for **Vice President of Academic Affairs** .

These last two years I’ve worked on multiple projects that benefit our student body.

Concretely, I developed a digital hub for resources

(gsrc.ucla.edu/Graduate-Student-Resources), created workshops as the First-Gen

program consultant for the Graduate Student Resource Center, and worked on various

campus committees to improve graduate instruction with ongoing project on mentorship.

My goals for the upcoming year are to…

1. Improve **Academic and Professional Mentorship** for all graduate and

professional students

1. Increase knowledge about and accessibility to **Student Resources**
2. Fight for **Transparency** in program requirements and for explicit professional

guidelines

**Vote for Letty!** Together we can work towards more **T** ransparency, **A** ccountability and

**CO**llaboration ( **TACO** )!