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!