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**Postgrad officer**

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Hi there, my name is Stephen Sheridan and I am running to be your next Postgrad Officer for TU Dublin SU.

I am currently in my second year of my PhD and I’m currently situated in City campus, Grangegorman. I have always tried my best to get involved in helping the college community as I feel it’s important to help those around me so that everyone can achieve their best. When I was an undergrad, I was a class rep and I also set up a peer mentoring group in Kevin St. to get each year to help the year below. I’m pleased to say this is still going strong in Grangegorman.

Studying at a postgrad level is a solitary pursuit at the best of times, but in the last year it has been particularly difficult. When I returned to campus this year, I realised that there were a lot of PhD students who had been in the college for a year or more and still knew no-one. With the chaplaincy service, I set up a weekly free breakfast for PhD students in Bolton St. of City Campus to try bring people together and I am currently setting up a society for us. Hopefully, this can bring to all post grads of TU Dublin.

I want to use the position of postgrad officer to continue bringing people together on all campuses by organising events while representing and supporting them in the SU. I feel we are one of the most poorly represented groups in the University, and with your vote, I hope to change that.

Thanks for reading this and I hope I can count on your vote on 24th - 25th November.

Stephen.