



Candidate for the position of Mature Students Officer (PT)



Ahmed Nada

Mature, Motivated, Represented.

Who?

Hello! I'm **Ahmed**, a second-year PhD researcher and a proud mature student who understands the unique challenges of returning to or starting university later in life.

At UEA, I currently serve as Chair of the **SU Postgraduate Committee** and as a member of the **SCI Postgraduate Committee**. Through these roles, alongside my work as a Student Services Resident and



Mature students bring resilience, life experience, and diverse perspectives to UEA. Yet university life is often designed around school-to-university entrants, leaving many of us balancing studies with careers, families, caring responsibilities, or financial pressures without tailored support or representation.

I'm running to ensure mature students are not an afterthought, but a visible and valued part of the UEA community.

Focus Areas:

- **Stronger Representation** – Establish regular mature student forums and ensure our concerns influence SU and university policy.
- **Flexibility & Practical Support** – Advocate for greater academic flexibility where possible.
- **Community & Belonging** – Create daytime and hybrid social events.
- **Wellbeing & Visibility** – Push for tailored wellbeing initiatives and stronger recognition of mature students across campus.

University is not one-size-fits-all, and our representation shouldn't be either.

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