

Hey dear MLS fellows! My name is Chuyan Wu and I am running for International Student Representative.

My motivation for running is simple: I wish to make things easier for international students at MLS.

Since I came to Australia when I was 16, I have consistently struggled with my identity as an international student: I like Australia, but sometimes I feel that Australia doesn't like me. I didn't know how to shop, how to bank, how to "fit in", how to get good marks while bearing heavy homesick...That was me for the past 7 years, and that is why I want to help out these who are going through the same thing as me.

As law students, we are highly adhered to the entire law community, regardless if you're an international student. At the same time, international law students are experiencing more difficulties -- the difficulty to find legal internships and clerkships, the struggle with reading long judgments in English, the frustration of feeling you're so far behind...

I wish to break the wall. I wish to improve our international orientation day by inviting more domestic students to come and chat with the international students; to provide bilingual study sessions on PPL for international students from other jurisdictions, to have more relaxing afternoon teas for both international and domestic students, making friends and feel that you're just part of the law school. You belong here. We are all in this together, even from different part of the world.

Thank you!