

VOTE FOR ME FOR **RESEARCH DIRECTOR**



Bridging Students and Surgical Research: Practical Initiatives, Real Opportunities

Hi, I'm Anna!! I'm a second-year medical student with a strong interest in surgery and research. I believe I have the skills and experience to contribute effectively to the society, particularly in helping students access research opportunities and engage in clinical audits.

Through my roles in MedSoc, I believe I have developed essential organisational and leadership skills, including liaising with external organisations and working within teams to successfully organise events. These experiences will help me fulfil the responsibilities of Research Director, such as coordinating research initiatives and collaborating with other committee members.

If selected, my focus will be on practical initiatives to increase student involvement in research, such as the following:

- **Medical Student Surgical Research Network**

Establishing a network that connects students with research-active surgeons and mentors, helping to create easier access to research projects and clinical audits.

- **Research Skills and Clinical Audit Workshops**

Organising workshops to teach research and audit techniques, guiding students through the basics of study design, data collection, and analysis.

- **Hackathon-Style Research Events**

Hosting weekend-long hackathons where students work in teams to solve surgical challenges, encouraging innovative solutions and hands-on learning.

- **Research Presentation Evenings**

Providing a platform for students to present their work, offering practice in public speaking and a chance to share findings with peers and faculty.

- **Surgical Research Database**

Developing a database to curate and share available research opportunities, making it easier for students to find and apply for projects.

These initiatives are just a starting point, and I would welcome the opportunity to expand access to research opportunities. My goal is to help students, whether they are already interested or less familiar with research and clinical audits, get involved in areas that can often be difficult to navigate. I aim to provide students with better access to research, help them build valuable skills, and enable the society to make a meaningful contribution to the broader medical community.