



# Kristine Vu for International Officer

Hi folks, I've been your international officer over the last six months and I would love to continue representing the postgraduate international community here at Keele = )

For those who don't know me, I am a full-time Msc. student in Counselling and Psychotherapy. I am Vietnamese-Canadian and I've spent most of my life living in Canada. Recently, I worked in France and in the U.K. as an ESL teacher before going back to do my Master's. I have gotten a lot out of my experiences working and studying abroad and I wish to use this knowledge to enhance Keele's international community.

In my first term, I organized a number of language exchanges and meetings for international students and I intend to continue organizing similar meetings over the next term. In particular, I plan on organizing a couple of day trips to nearby cities (i.e. Liverpool, Chester) over the summer to help students take a break from their dissertations and see a new part of the U.K. Additionally, I intend on starting monthly international student meetings where people can gather and unwind over dinner or a drink. I plan on working with the KPA to provide these activities to postgraduate internationals over the last important months of their degree.

Lastly, I hope to set up a better social support system for new and existing international postgraduates at Keele. I intend on working with my colleagues at the KPA to create a buddy system between local/existing students and prospective international students who will be arriving in the summer or autumn. I believe this buddy system would help students adapt to life here in the U.K. better and reduce any isolation or culture shock they may feel from moving to a different country.

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