

I'm Valeria Garcia Munera, a woman, international student currently enrolled in the MS program of Civil and Environmental Engineering. I'm interested in running for the selected positions because I think I could help in any of these committees to improve the experience of the graduate students at the University of Iowa during the 2023-2024 academic year.

I could be the International Affairs Director, because as an international student, I've acquired the knowledge about the different procedures, documentation, and requirements we need to fulfill and update. Additionally, I've experienced the difficulties on the personal, professional, and academic level we are exposed to, and I found the way to overcome them, which can be valuable to help other international students in the same position.

I also have the qualities required for the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Director, since I'm an international women student and I've faced the issues inclusion in different areas related to diversity, equity and inclusion. Then, I would like to work for improving diversity-related activities and initiatives for graduate and professional students.

Finally, I'm a passionate environmental engineer and I could be the Sustainability Director to promote initiatives focused on sustainability engaging with the graduate students to learn more about our environment, resources and how we can individually adopt conscious habits and make use of the resources wisely, that altogether can cause a positive impact on the environment and our community.

I would be happy to support the Graduate and Professional Student (GPSG) in any of the committees mentioned above to share my knowledge, learn from other graduate and professional students, and improve our experience in the University!