



# Aditi Adhikari

## Vice President External Relations

My name is Aditi Adhikari, and I am a first-year PhD student at the Department of Educational Studies.

I have a master's degree in international education policy from Harvard University and a bachelor's in political science from Agnes Scott College. I understand how local, provincial, and federal governments understand and deal with educational institutions.

In Nepal, I worked for different non-governmental organizations including the World Bank to support government policy. I also worked with close to 40 academics to establish a new university in Nepal, the University of Nepal, whose establishment was approved by the Nepali parliament in 2022. Close to a decade in the education/ed policy sector has taught me important lessons in how to communicate and work with governmental authorities. This kind of experience with government and bureaucracy is exactly what you're looking for in your VP of External Affairs!

I am passionate about improving graduate student funding (reducing discrepancy among the departments and getting five years of funding for PhD students) and food security on campus. I look forward to advocating for my fellow-students at UBC, whether they're here directly after finishing their undergraduate degrees or whether they're coming back to school after a decade or more!

What I bring to the table: The ability to listen compassionately and communicate effectively, experience working at UBC, passion for issues such as food security, an appreciation for UBC (the place and the diversity of people) and snacks always in my backpack.