



Application for

# Vice President



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Med 200

## Background

Hello!

My name is David, and I'm in my second year of Medicine at the University of Notre Dame. My passion for surgery was sparked in a cadaveric dissection class at the University of Melbourne, and has only grown since then. I am most interested in Adult General Surgery. Outside of my surgical pursuits, I enjoy staying fit and active, eating, travelling and writing.

Thank you for reading my application!

## 1. Why I want this role

I am inexorably passionate about Surgery and Surgical Careers. With this in mind, I wish to do the following as VP:

1. To promote the surgical profession amongst my pre-clinical and clinical peers, through education, mentorship with alumni, networking and research opportunities.
2. To nurture and develop the already world class reputation of NDASS amongst students, the university, sponsors and the professional community.
3. To ensure smooth operation of the NDASS executive committee by creating and monitoring the group's long-term strategic plans and actively resolving issues as they arise.
4. To provide leadership and front-line support to all committee and subcommittee members, ensuring smooth operation of our team.

## 3. What I can bring to NDASS

1. Passion. NDASS truly is a passion project of mine, and this will allow me to be a VP who is committed, supportive and available to the team.
2. Task management and organisational skills, which will allow me to create and monitor the team's long term goals, and allocate tasks as they arise.
3. Effective communication, allowing me to excel as both a respectful member of the team and leader within the executive.
4. Diligent and enthusiastic work ethic. To get things done, sometimes all you need is hard work!
5. Keen problem solving ability, with a logical yet creative approach.

## 2. My ideas for this role

I feel incredibly privileged to have been on the NDASS subcommittee in its inaugural year. I intend to expand upon the hard work of the current executive by:

1. Continuing to develop and maintain sponsorship relationships. I intend to absorb most of this responsibility as VP.
2. Expanding and solidifying alumni relationships.
3. Maintaining our professional partnerships with the University of Notre Dame, RACS and UWASS.
4. Innovating a longitudinal student curriculum with the upcoming executive, allowing NDASS members to track their surgical learning and development throughout medical school.
5. Incorporating aspects of rural/remote health and global health into surgical education by further developing our 'Diversity in Surgery' event.

## 4. Relevant Past Experience

1. NDASS Subcommittee (2016) - Med200 Rep
2. Surgical Interest Group (2015) - Med100 Rep
- Volunteer Vietnam (2015) - Treasurer
4. Emergency Medicine Interest Group (2015)
5. Vision- Msand's Global Health Group (2015)
6. Teddy Bear Hospital Subcommittee (2015)
7. ASSC Delegate (2015)
8. Melbourne University Health Initiative (2014)