

My name is Alex Waddell and I would like to be considered for the position of Higher Degree by Research Academic Board Student Member for Monash University.

I am a first-year doctoral student undertaking a Behaviour Change Graduate Research Industry Partnership program (BC-GRIP) with Safer Care Victoria – the Victorian State agency for quality and safety in healthcare. My research is exploring how to empower patients through shared decision making.

I want to use my expertise in behaviour change and shared decision making to represent the voice of Higher Degree Research students at Monash. Higher Degree Research is a crucial part of the Monash ecosystem – it is important that we have a representative that will advocate for us and our position within the university for now and into the future.

I have a range of experience serving on committees and boards at universities and professionally, including as a member of the Interprofessional Student Health Network Committee, the young researchers network committee, and secretary of the MLC Old Collegians Club. In these roles I've had the pleasure of working with a broad range of stakeholders with competing interests. I'll ensure our voice is heard and our best interests are kept at the forefront of my contribution to the board.

I'd love to speak with you further should you have any questions.