

Name: Temitope R Folorunso

Year: Second year Ph.D Student

Major/Department: Wildlife Sciences

Qualifications

Graduate Council Senator

African Students Association Secretary

I am passionate about advocating for the well-being and success of each graduate student at Auburn University. We are the frontier of research development and so our welfare should be a concern to the management of the institution. I plan to work with the Graduate Students Council to improve the following areas as it is our topmost priority:

- Stipends: secure a significant increase in graduate students' stipend. Our current stipends are inadequate, thereby making it difficult for many of us to make ends meet.
- Fees: advocate for a reduction in student's fees for graduate students. We are the future of this university, and we should not be burdened with an excessive financial load.
- Housing: expand and improve housing options for graduate students. We need more affordable and accessible housing that meets our needs as students and researchers.
- Conferences: liaise for increment in graduate student travel allowances to conferences. Attending conferences is essential for our professional development, and we should not be hindered by financial constraints.
- Collaboration: establish stronger communication channels between the Graduate Student Senate and other relevant bodies, such as the administration, faculty, and undergraduate student government. This will ensure that our voices are heard and that our concerns are taken seriously. I will also work with other student organizations to advocate for the needs of all students at Auburn University.

I am committed to making this university a place where graduate students can thrive academically, professionally, and personally.