

**Milka Njoroge**

Gender Studies - Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant

My name is Milka Njoroge. I am a third-year student at the Gender Students. I am vying for the position of Vice President Research Assistant. I am currently employed as a Teaching and Research Assistantship with Gender Studies and have held several RAships since September 2022. In this role, I have gained considerable experience in how to work collaboratively with the RA supervisor, how to stay within the given hours and most importantly, how to ensure that the work that I do is in line with the tasks outlined in the RA contract. I am interested in supporting graduate students who are trying to navigate and understand their RA contracts and how to ensure that their tasks match the job descriptions outlined in the RA contract. I am also interested in supporting graduate students in advocating for themselves and ensuring that their RA supervisors are not allocating tasks outside their RA contracts. My brief tenure as a Gender Studies Steward has deepened my commitment to improving the working conditions of graduate students. I have connected with other stewards and learned crucial skills about organizing and advocacy work I believe that in the role of VP Research Assistant, I will be able to reach more graduate students. I am also deeply committed and inspired by the call to abolish tuition fees at Queen's and look forward to working collaboratively with the PSAC executive committee and other stewards to continue this fight.