

Julia Goldfeld

FOR GU WOMEN'S OFFICER

Go for the Gold and Vote Julia Goldfeld for your GU Women's Officer! Fellow graduate students - my name is Julia Goldfeld and I am an MBA student at Judge Business School. As a student I feel extremely lucky to have been awarded one of Judge's two Forté Fellowships, a scholarship granted to women pursuing their MBA in partnership with the Forté Foundation, an organization which aims to change the balance of power in the workplace by giving women equal access to infrastructure and opportunities. As a tribute to being awarded this scholarship I feel a strong sense to give back to the university and help make Cambridge a better place for women, so that our female graduate students feel they have the same opportunities and privileges as our male ones.

Before coming to Cambridge, I spent 5 years working on the trading floor of major investment banks in New York. Although women in finance, particularly in sales and trading, are vastly outnumbered and outranked, I was able to thrive in a male dominated environment. I hope to give other women in the graduate community the confidence that they can similarly excel in whatever industry they choose. Post-MBA, my goal is to create my own women's workwear brand which caters to young professionals entering the corporate world. During my time in finance I served as a mentor to junior women and men, both at my firm and also to those looking to get into the financial industry. At Cambridge, I have similarly partnered with the Cambridge University Women in Business Society to establish a mentoring program which pairs interested undergraduate and graduate students with mentors from Judge Business School. During my time in New York, I also spent 3 years on the junior board of a non-profit that provided free math tutoring and mentorship to underprivileged middle school students.

I hope to use these experiences to be an advocate for women across the graduate community, wider university, and to ensure that women's interests are well represented by the GU. Some of my initiatives are to organize a Women Who Brunch event one Sunday quarterly to pair our female graduate students with professionals across a variety of industries in the UK. Of course, I would love for men to attend these events as well! Moreover, I hope to help plan an International Women's Day conference in conjunction with the various women's societies across

the University of Cambridge. If elected, I will provide a platform where both women and men can voice their concerns about issues of women's equality and advancement and I will aim to apply those suggestions, however best I can. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to reach out, whether I am elected your Women's Officer or not, I am always happy to meet more of my fellow graduate students! Your support is greatly appreciated.

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