**Dentistry Officer** 

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| **Name of position:** | Dentistry Officer |
| **Elected:** | At AGM, by secret ballot |
| **Position description and main roles:** | The dentistry officer is a multi-faceted role, and includes the following;   * Act as a liaison point between Insight and Adelaide University Dentistry and Oral Health students * An active member on both Insight and AUDSS committees- seek out and create opportunities for Insight to involve the Dentistry student body (AUDSS) in its activities * Coordination with Education officer to promote and organise educational events related to dentistry covering various aspects of health in developing communities * Help promote all Insight events among Dentistry students and liaise with other Insight Committee members for events, such as Birthing Kits Workshop, etc. * Chair the Insight Dentistry Subcommittee * Organise the following specific events/programs:   + O’Week   + Future Callings- Dentistry and BOH students only (May)   + Amazing Raise (August/September)   + CWF program (end of the year/throughout the year)- coordinate trip details with Dr Ogle, the dentistry school and Insight |
| **Positives of position:** | * An opportunity to work with and meet great people outside of dentistry * Working in teams (Insight Committee, AUDSS and Dent Subcommittee) of excellent like-minded people with a common goal of making a difference * The experience of being a leader of a committee and representing the dental school is a privilege and helps develop skills that will definitely help with future life endeavours * Achieving small but significant positive impacts for disadvantaged communities * Can make a large difference in the dental school and Insight through new and exciting opportunities |
| **Negatives of position:** | * A role with responsibilities throughout the entire year, with good consistent organisation and time management needed * A lot of emails and coordination/liaison between different people * Having to be a part of the Insight and AUDSS committee as well as running your own subcommittee can require a lot of time in your schedule * Anything dentistry related falls on your shoulders, but hopefully in the future this will lessen with more dentistry students being a part of the Insight Committee * Can sometimes feel like a thankless job (Just need to keep remembering the difference you’re making in the lives of people all around the world that actually need it, and everything seems worth it) |
| **Time required:** | * Around 20 hours per week, varies throughout the year * More around Dentistry events (early-mid year) * Less hours as we get to the end of the year as well as near mid semester/end of year exams |
| **Ideas for the future:** | * Hopefully continue and expand the overseas placement opportunities/programs with the dental school that was started this year * Integrate dentistry students in all Insight events and continue to provide more opportunities for dental students to become involved with Insight committee * Expand scope of some events to include Dental related topics (e.g. Global Health Short Course, Education Symposium, etc.) * Continue partnership with AUDSS Student Affairs (2015 Combined AAPDP Lecture on Indigenous Oral Health Research – Indigenous Oral Health Uni Presentation) * Working with Med Preclin Subcommittee – e.g. 2015 Insight Market * More smaller fundraising activities for Cambodia World Family project to supplement Amazing Raise * Each new officer will have their own ideas/goals for their term but the end goal of expanding Insight’s involvement in the dental school should be the same |
| **Experience required:** | * Having previous Insight experience such as being a member/attended events is necessary. * Previous involvement in the dentistry subcommittee is highly desirable, but not strictly required if a candidate is truly exceptional. |
| **Past office bearers:** | 2018: Anchal Verma (BDS IV)  2017: Carmen Chau (BDS V)  2016: Eunice Vun (BDS V)  2015: Ramya Avvari (BDS IV)  2014: Shivani Kamalainathan (BDS V)  2013: Li Wen Foo (BDS V)  2012: Guru O (BDS V)  2011: Radhika Singh  2010: Mansoor Walipoor  2009: Chun Wu  2008: Jennie Han |