

## Crossing Borders Officer

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<b>Name of position:</b>	Crossing Borders Representative
<b>Elected:</b>	At AGM, by secret ballot
<b>Position description and main roles:</b>	<p>The Crossing Borders Officer educates students about the topic of refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia by running advocacy campaigns (via social media, at university etc.) and organising relevant speakers and workshops at Insight events. They inspire students to take action in the area of refugee health by facilitating discussion and improving awareness about issues pertinent to the health of refugees and people seeking asylum. They empower students to work towards better health care for refugees and people seeking asylum by facilitating student engagement with advocacy, engaging students in the Crossing Borders subcommittee and encouraging students to attend rallies and Welcome Dinners, upskill and network with other advocates in the field.</p> <p>History of role:          2023 was the seventh year that the Crossing Borders for Health state representative held a position on the Insight Committee. Crossing Borders SA was created in 2015 for students to advocate for refugees and people seeking asylum and educate others around pertinent issues and health care for this group. It is a subsidiary of the national group, administered by AMSA Global Health. In 2016 it was made a sub-committee of Insight and in 2017 it was created as an official position.</p> <p><b>Main roles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advocate for refugee health during refugee week (Middle of June every year).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This can either be creating content from scratch, sharing content in coordination with AMSA or organising speakers for a symposium</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Organise volunteer opportunities for our members             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Australian Refugee Association run a homework help program that we have been in contact for</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Secondary roles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ongoing creation of educational content (1-2 per semester) on the topic of Refugee health and liaise with Publications officer to create the graphics and posting of contents.</li> <li>● Contribute the speakers or activities pertaining to Refugee Health for the Global Health Short Course</li> <li>● Work collaboratively with the other education portfolios</li> <li>● Organisations worth looking into             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Life without borders</li> <li>○ Adelaide Refugee Action Collective meetings</li> <li>○ Drs4Refugees</li> <li>○ Australian Refugee Association</li> <li>○ AMSA Crossing Borders Officers/National Coordinator</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Positives of position:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Learning more about refugee and people seeking asylum in Australia</li> <li>● Upskilling in advocacy and leadership</li> <li>● Developing an understanding of AMSA Global Health and Crossing Borders and its inner workings, with opportunities to become involved with national programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Negatives of position:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Refugee health has not been topic in peoples spotlights for quite a while now, fostering engagement can be challenging</li> <li>● Requires dedication to learn about politics and people seeking asylum</li> </ul>
<b>Time required:</b>	Around 1-2 hours per week, mainly during events periods.
<b>Ideas for the future:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● More collaboration with Flinders University Crossing Borders</li> </ul>

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<b>Experience required:</b>	None necessary, but prior involvement within Insight Committee or experience in advocacy or working with people seeking asylum.
<b>Past office bearers:</b>	<p>2023: Georgia Webber (MBBS IV)</p> <p>2020: Niamh Rees (MBBS IV)</p> <p>2019: Michael Bai (MBBS V)</p> <p>2018: Jude Dejanovic (MBBS III)</p> <p>2017: Chloe Borgas (MBBS III)</p> <p>2016: Sibella Hare Breidahl (not a formal Insight role yet), sub-committee: Alyssa Pradhan, Chloe Borgas, Denise Bracia, Marina Spajic, Maud Taylor, Monica Chen</p> <p>2015: Alyssa Pradhan, Denise Bracia, Marina Spajic, Maud Taylor, Monica Chen, Sibella Hare Breidahl (founders of Crossing Borders SA)</p>