

Student Representative from the Institute of Innovation, Science and Sustainability

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My name is Foluke Brown Olorunlose, and I am a Master of Data Science student at Federation University Australia. I am passionate about helping students turn imagination into real innovation that connects science, technology, and everyday life.

Growing up, I was raised in a traditional environment where it was often believed that a girl's role should be limited. Yet women like Marie Curie, whose discoveries transformed science, inspired me to believe that women also belong in spaces of innovation and discovery. That belief pushed me to pursue education and use knowledge to create impact.

At the age of 23, I enrolled in university to study a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, balancing work, family responsibilities, and studies while pursuing my passion for technology. During the same period, I also completed the 14-month intensive Africa Leadership (ALX) Software Engineering program, which strengthened my resilience, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

I later pursued an Honours degree in Business Informatics, graduating with distinction, where I also created peer learning groups that helped students share knowledge and support each other academically.

If elected as Student Representative, I want to help make science and innovation more exciting, visible, and practical for students. Science should not feel boring or distant.

I would support initiatives such as student innovation showcases, hackathons, and stronger collaboration between science and sustainability students, so ideas can grow into real solutions.

I want every student in our Institute to feel that their ideas matter and that together, we can build a student community where innovation is celebrated and every voice matters.

My vision is for students to turn imagination into reality, creating innovations that Federation University students will be known for across Australia.

I believe the best innovations begin when students feel heard, supported, and confident to turn their ideas into real change.

