

Dear fellow students!

My name is Ina Maria Finnerud, I am 21 years old, and currently finishing my Bachelor's in International Environment and Development studies. I hereby declare my candidacy for leader of the Student Board at NMBU.



We are facing an exciting period both in terms of COVID-19, the national student movement, and the merging of the two campuses at Ås. The past year has proven that students can make great impacts at NMBU, when we work together. I am passionate about many issues, but I am specifically looking forward to tackle the following challenges:

The sustainability university NMBU: NMBU is the sustainability university, and it is important to focus on green solutions at all levels of its organization. Many good things are happening, both in regards of research and education. However, there is still a way to go when it comes to implementing these solutions in practice. The university's Environmental Action Plan will be passed this coming year, and I want to make sure that it is an ambitious plan, and that all its measures are implemented.

An inclusive Campus: After a year of lockdowns and digital learning, it will be more important than ever to give new students a warm welcome this fall. At the same time, many of the students starting at NMBU last year has not yet been integrated into the student environment, and a lot of veterinarian students are coming to Ås for the first time. It is important that the Student Democracy take an active role in creating an environment where everyone at the university feels seen, invested in, and included; while rebuilding the student environment we all love.

Transparent organisation and communication with the students: The Student Democracy are doing an immense job promoting the interests of the students at NMBU. However, the communication between the Student Democracy and the students is not adequate, and many students rarely take advantage of the network around us. This is a loss for us students, but also a loss for the university. Therefore, I want to work for an increased visibility of the Student democracy as an organization, and transparent processes at the entire university.

I believe my previous experience from the position as environment and research officer in the Student Board, combined with experience from other organisations, will provide a good balance between continuity and innovation. Additionally, it has also given me a good understanding of both individual situations and the overarching responsibility accompanying a leadership position. My commitment to each individual student and my genuine love for NMBU is my main motivation towards this position. I have so many hopes, wishes and visions for our wonderful university, with the bright, green thread through all of our actions.

Ever since I first set foot on NMBU grounds, my heart has been beating for beautiful Ås, for the student life, and for our university. This coming year, I want to work for the student's interests full time, and give back to the place that has given me so much. I hope you will give a bubbly organisational nerd the trust and honour to be the next leader of the Student Board.

Happy elections!