Hi, my name is Akshita, I’m a Mathematician from India pursuing Masters of IT at UNSW and I’d like to become the next Google Student Developer Lead at my university. Since I joined UNSW last year, I have been a part of several student communities such as CSESoc, Women in IT and the Postgraduate Council and have taken part in several leadership and professional development courses. This has allowed me to interact with a diverse set of people. Due to these engagements, I’ve managed to increase my network in the university and as a result, have also founded the Postgraduate Computer Society for the 1500+ postgraduate students of the IT department. I am a firm believer of working and learning together and the importance of engaging with the industry – which is why I aim to create holistic opportunities for my peers with my team.

I believe that with the help of Google’s resources and support I would be able to increase student engagement in my community by conducting regular tech webinars, hackathons, networking events and more while also developing my leadership and interpersonal skills. Because of Google’s massive resources, I believe we will be able to benefit with this partnership as it will also give the students a platform to build long lasting connections with the Google community of Australia and New Zealand. I have the skills and experience required to conduct these events from ideation to execution and thus would be honored to become the next GDSC lead.