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- ▶ Studied BSc Accounting in Ghana
- ▶ Compulsory year of National Service, working as a teaching assistant in the same university
- ▶ Came to Sheffield to study Master's in Banking and Finance
- ▶ Currently Student Union President at Sheffield Hallam University

Moving here from Ghana, the language felt like a barrier at first

When I came to Sheffield, I had a level of anxiety which increased with some initial miscommunications. It was the first time I'd ever come to this country but, with the support from students who understood my situation, I was able to overcome lots of issues. I found it hard to understand my lecturers at first, so had to go to the library after my classes. But I kept talking to people and got to know their accents and how they pronounced certain things.

The inclusive atmosphere here has given me the opportunity to be President of the SU. I never thought I'd hold such a position. I've been an Education Officer, International Student Rep and now President. These are things that I can share on my CV and use in the future when I'm applying for jobs.

Employers are always looking for additional qualities which my experiences here have allowed me to gain.

Coming to university has developed my leadership

There is such an inclusive environment at university

I've met people with a variety of different experiences, but we share our knowledge together in class. You get to hear different people's experiences and contribute in different ways.

The most fascinating thing is the kind of academic support available. I didn't know about plagiarism or referencing before I got here. It's helped my knowledge stand out and I think it's going to contribute to my life and my desire to become a professor.

