



# PotMed Intensive Lead

## Zahra Shaffi's Manifesto

Asalamu alaikum, I am Zahra Shaffi, a first-year medical student applying for PotMed Intensive Lead. I would love to join the Muslim Medics committee as I believe it would be a fulfilling opportunity to contribute to a society that benefits Muslim and non-Muslim medics alike. I believe studying Medicine and helping others are ideal examples of incorporating Ibadan into our daily lives with the correct intentions.

I would like to apply for PotMed Intensive Lead due to my particular passion for supporting aspiring medical students in achieving their goals. Having applied to Medicine myself just last year, I clearly remember the challenges and uncertainties of the process, and I would love the opportunity to impart the knowledge, advice, and lessons I gained throughout my journey. Coming from a state school and being the first in my family to study Medicine, I understand that prospective students come from a wide range of backgrounds and circumstances and may face different limitations. I look forward to encouraging them that their goals are attainable with hard work, perseverance, and trust in Allah (SWT).

I feel I would be a strong candidate for this role due to my extensive experience in teaching, tutoring, and mentoring. For the past year, I have worked as a self-employed mentor for medical applicants and have three years of experience as a teaching assistant in a school for Islamic education, which has refined my teaching abilities and understanding of the education sector. I also have experience holding UCAT workshops and presenting to students at my sixth form college. My experience includes outlining the application process and timeline, A-level and UCAT tutoring, interview guidance and mock MMIs, reviewing personal statements, advising on work experience and volunteering, and helping students prioritise different aspects of their application. Alhamdulillah, this has been a rewarding experience, with my students receiving multiple medical school offers and achieving their target UCAT scores and grades (testimonials can be provided if required).

Additionally, I volunteered at the PotMed conference in September 2025, before starting at ICSM, giving me first-hand insight into how the programme ran, what worked well, and how we could further improve it to create a memorable and genuinely beneficial experience for aspiring medics.

I understand that this role involves working in conjunction with another PotMed Intensive Lead and the Vice-President for PotMed. I enjoy working collaboratively and believe I have strong communication and organisational skills, which are paramount when liaising within the committee and planning events.

Furthermore, I have direct experience in event planning through initiating and hosting fundraising events, which required liaising with corporations, acquiring authorisation, cultivating creativity in designing and producing items, managing finances, and promoting events. I believe collaboration and purifying of intentions are key to success in planning such events, and I look forward to applying these principles to PotMed.

In general, I am a highly organised and diligent individual who dedicates herself fully to her responsibilities. I would be honoured to contribute to Muslim Medics through this role, striving for Ihsaan within the committee, and inspiring and enabling the next generation of aspiring medics, Insha Allah.

If successful, I would focus on creating a supportive environment where students feel comfortable asking questions and receiving personalised guidance throughout the application process. My aim would be to uplift and encourage students while ensuring we provide high-quality teaching, tutorials, and workshops that are sincerely valuable to our participants.

Thank you, and Jazak Allah khair for reading my application