



Nomination Form – Executive Committee

DUE DATE: February 25th, 2024 at 4:00 PM

For questions about the elections, please contact the Chief Returning Officer, by Email at gsacro@mcmaster.ca or contact the GSA office by email at macgsa@mcmaster.ca.

Executive Candidate (must be a McMaster University graduate student)

One position is available in the executive committee

- Executive Committee:
- President
 - Vice-President - Administration
 - Vice-President - External
 - Vice-President - Internal
 - Vice-President - Services

Faculty Representative Candidate (must be a McMaster University graduate student)

Two positions available for each faculty

- Faculty:
- Business
 - Humanities
 - Social Science

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 Candidate signature:
 Date: Feb 8, 2024

Nominators (must be McMaster University graduate students):

Name	Student number	Signature
1. <u>Mina Esfandiari</u>	<u>400548038</u>	<u></u>
2. <u>Ana Portillo</u>	<u>001323845</u>	<u></u>
3. <u>Bridget Marsdin</u>	<u>009106619</u>	<u></u>
4. <u>Raunak Pandey</u>	<u>400550770</u>	<u></u>
5. <u>Rajeshwari Nandakumar</u>	<u>400273140</u>	<u></u>

Please provide a statement about yourself and your interest in the position you have selected (max 500 words). This statement will be released on the GSA website and the election ballot during the campaign and election period.

Dear Members of the Graduate Student Association (GSA),

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of President of the Graduate Student Association. With a strong background in student advocacy and a deep commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive community, I am eager to contribute to the ongoing success of our association. My journey at McMaster University has been marked by a dedication to representing the interests and concerns of my fellow students. From my initial involvement in the department bodies, University Senate and Union, as an MA student in the Gender and Social Justice program to my current pursuit of a Ph.D. in the School of Social Work, I have been deeply engaged in the academic and social life of our university community.

Having served as the Vice-President Internal for the GSA, I have gained invaluable experience and insight into the inner workings of our association. This transition from Vice-President to President positions me uniquely to lead the GSA effectively, building upon our past achievements and working collaboratively to address the evolving needs of our student body. As President, I am committed to advocating for the rights and well-being of all students as there are multiple challenges faced by our diverse student population and will work tirelessly to ensure that all voices are heard and represented within our association. I will work to make the GSA more accessible and stronger, fostering a supportive environment where every student feels valued and empowered to succeed.

During my tenure as a student representative and Vice-President Internal, I have passionately worked in the interests of our student community. My advocacy efforts have been focused on enhancing TA/RA rights, leading inclusivity initiatives, prioritizing cultural diversity, and advocating for increased resources to support our fellow students. My dedication to students' accessibility and rights is unwavering, and I am committed to creating an educational atmosphere that empowers every student to access more resources to progress.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you to create positive change within our association and university community. Together, let us build an association that exemplifies the principles of equity, accessibility, and excellence.