



**Nomination Form – Executive Committee**

DUE DATE: February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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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**Nominators (must be McMaster University graduate students):**

Name	Student number	Signature
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3. <u>Yasaman Hashemianjani</u>	<u>400548397</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
4. <u>Paris Ostad</u>	<u>400152736</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>
5. <u>Sima Fallah Tafti</u>	<u>400280807</u>	<u>[Signature]</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.

I am passionate about supporting the success of our students by improving their individual academic experiences.

I am a PhD student at the DeGroot School of Business where I am supporting doctoral students by enriching their academic journeys. As the Communications Director of the DeGroot Doctoral Student Association (DDSA), I am leveraging my experiences in finance and stakeholder engagement to improve the Association's outreach programs. On March 4, 2024, the DDSA is hosting a Research Day themed "Commercialization of Research". We aim to use panel discussions, presentations, and workshops, to share insights into the opportunities and challenges associated with venturing into the commercialization of academic research. This has significant benefits for our growing research community. As an executive of the DDSA, I also see the opportunity to deepen collaboration with the GSA. More broadly, the ongoing work with the GSA President to create/improve the handshake between the GSA and other departmental associations on campus like the DDSA has been meaningful.

I am a Board member of the Graduate Student Association (GSA). I provide leadership to the GSA in a way that promotes the ideals of the Association. I am also a member of the Finance Committee where I monitor financial activities and performance by reviewing the Association's financial statements and ensuring that the Association is managing its finances responsibly. As a student body, encouraging student participation is very important. Therefore, I joined the Events Committee where I provide support with planning events that foster inclusiveness and help us appreciate our diversity as a community. As a team, we are making significant progress. I hope to bring the same energy to the Executive Committee as a Vice-President Administration.

The impact we are making is very encouraging, and I am inspired to do more for our graduate student community. This is why I am applying for the Vice-President Administration role where I can further support with planning finances and supporting the President and other Executives of the Association to meet our commitments to the graduate student community. I have a strong finance background, good stakeholder engagement and communications skills. I believe that these skills make me a good fit for the Vice-President Administration role.

I look forward to continuing to support and enrich the academic journeys of students using the available platforms on campus.