

## Ayush Thummar

Dear Voter,

My name is Ayush Thummar, and I am running for Vice President External at the Graduate Students Association (GSA). As a Master's student in Engineering at McMaster University, I have been actively involved in student leadership, serving as an Internal Director and Faculty Representative at GSA, as well as Vice President Internal of the Engineering Graduate Society (EGS). These experiences have given me a strong understanding of student concerns and the importance of external advocacy in securing better opportunities for graduate students.



Through my involvement in GSA and EGS, I have worked on student initiatives, helped organize events, and contributed to discussions on funding, academic policies, and external partnerships. I have seen firsthand how strong representation makes a difference—whether in securing resources, expanding career opportunities, or ensuring student voices are heard at higher levels.

As VP External, I would be responsible for designing newsletters and social media content, expanding outreach to students, hosting events, and creating partnerships with university and external organizations. I would also work on meaningful initiatives like the Compassionate Fund and Winter Gear Sale, while providing one-on-one student support to address concerns directly. If elected, I will focus on strengthening these efforts, ensuring clear communication, and enhancing opportunities that benefit graduate students at McMaster.

I look forward to your support and the opportunity to serve the graduate student community in this role.

Sincerely,  
Ayush Thummar