

## Elaheh Bayat

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Vice-President – Administration at the McMaster Graduate Students Association (GSA). As a committed member of the McMaster community, I am eager to contribute my leadership experience, organizational skills, and passion for student advocacy to enhance the graduate student experience.



Currently, I am a third-year Ph.D. student in the Medical Sciences Program at McMaster University. Throughout my academic journey, I have gained valuable experience in lab and project management, research coordination, and student support services. These experiences have deepened my understanding of the challenges graduate students face, from navigating administrative processes to balancing academic and professional responsibilities. I believe that the GSA plays a vital role in addressing these challenges, and I am committed to ensuring that its administrative processes are efficient, transparent, and student focused.

My leadership experience includes managing research projects and laboratories, where I have developed strong organizational and problem-solving skills. Additionally, I have actively supported international students as a navigator, helping them integrate into the McMaster community and access essential resources. These roles have equipped me with the ability to streamline administrative operations, facilitate effective communication, and advocate for student needs.

If elected as Vice-President – Administration, I will prioritize:

- **Enhancing administrative efficiency** by ensuring that GSA services are accessible, well-organized, and responsive to student needs.
- **Improving transparency and communication** within the GSA, ensuring that graduate students are informed about policies, events, and opportunities.
- **Supporting international and domestic students** by developing initiatives that simplify administrative processes and provide guidance on funding, academic concerns, and student well-being.
- **Strengthening collaboration between the GSA and university departments** to ensure graduate student concerns are effectively addressed.

With my background in research, project management, and student advocacy, I am confident in my ability to serve as an effective Vice-President – Administration. I am dedicated to creating a supportive and well-structured administrative framework that benefits all graduate students at McMaster.

I would be honored to have your support in this election.