

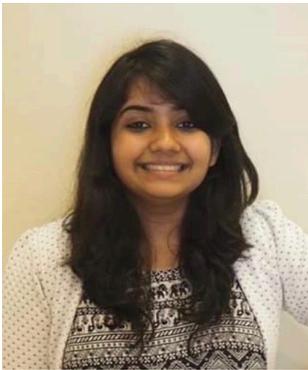
Graduate Students Association (GSA) Election 2019-2020 Nominees

Shawn Hercules - GSA President Nominee



Hello grad students! I'm excited to be running for GSA President for this next GSA year! I have been serving on the GSA since the commencement of my grad school journey at McMaster in 2015 on the council, board and executive. During this period of time on the GSA, I've been able to observe and actively participate in the association's growth and stability. I want to continue playing an active part in this for another year. Over the last two years, I had the pleasure of working closely with our President and a dedicated council to enhance student life on and off campus. Specifically, we were able to support and add eight more clubs to our GSA clubs list, started work on our new GSA website and gave more support to new international students! In addition to these initiatives, we launched a discounted "secret" menu for grad students at The Phoenix and increased the grad student discount from 10% to 20%! There are even more exciting times ahead for the next academic year that I am looking forward to. I want to continue growing and supporting our existing GSA clubs list; launch our new GSA website; enhance our existing ties with other student associations across Canada and foster closer relationships between students across faculties. Please also help where you can and serve with us on the GSA to lend your voice and support through our various committees, council and GSA clubs. Looking forward to serving you and representing you over the next GSA term!

Unnati Trivedi - GSA Vice President External Nominee



My name is Unnati Trivedi, I am of Indian descent who moved to Canada in September 2018 to pursue my Masters in Engineering, Entrepreneurship and Innovation at McMaster University. I am an avid reader and passionate about advertising. I have previously worked as the Vice President of Marketing in a global student-run organization called AIESEC for the local chapter in Chennai. This role enabled me to venture into marketing. As a volunteer I have conducted various events specializing in roles like sales and logistics. As a part of this organization, the most important thing I learnt is "People come first, always." And that's how my year plan as a student body Vice President would be devised. I am currently volunteering with G(irls) 20 which is a leadership development platform for young girls based out of Toronto. This is a communications based role which requires me to create content for the organization. I believe this experience will help me with my role as VP External in the Graduate Student Association. From creating awareness about various events conducted by GSA to creating digital spaces for networking and gaining relevant knowledge as grad students would be my number 1 priority. I have also worked as a social media expert at Digitally Inspired Media for a year post my undergrad and as a part of my role, I will use this knowledge to build the Social Media profile of GSA to deliver the best and relevant content to you. I will also borrow brilliance from other committees to brainstorm and create events along with the GSA that are not only fun but informative too. McMaster University has given me the opportunity to explore my potential as a grad student and attending various events conducted by GSA inspired me to want to be a part of this committee and build a community of like-minded people who can come together and impact one another thereby impacting the world.