

**2017 Governing Council Elections
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, February 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
Online voting will take place on U-elecT at voting.utoronto.ca

Graduate Students – Constituency II

Arman Ghaffarizadeh

My name is Arman and I am currently a master's student at the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering. During my undergraduate studies at UofT, whether as a representative of the Faculty Standing Committee or as a member of various student organizations, I tried to enhance my student life as well as improving the community I was a part of. Being a governor enables me to share the concerns of graduate students in different aspects such as supervisor interactions, budgeting, and academic issues. I believe a healthy environment would benefit both students and the university as a united organization.

Faizan Khalid Mohsin

I completed my undergraduate studies at UofT, during which I was a member of the sciences curriculum committee, vice president of the statistics student union, did research and had a part time job to support myself. I know the difficulties and challenges students face. And I know, firsthand, how they are viewed by the University: They are last on the list of priorities. I will be a loud and just voice for students. I will push for internship and coop opportunities, more awards, scholarships and funding, for lower fees, for repeat-to-replace grade policy. I will dedicate myself to your success.

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<p>Sandhya Mylabathula Currently a PhD student (Exercise Sciences), I am dedicated to improving the graduate student experience. I developed leadership and communication skills through serving in graduate student governance for 4+ years, as an executive member of 5 student groups, and as Chief Steward of CUPE 3902. I am committed to increasing representation of graduate student concerns, and support improved graduate student programming and services, mental health initiatives, and graduate funding and working conditions. I hope to bring my experience and enthusiasm to Governing Council, and would be honoured to have your vote on ROSI/ACORN February 6-17 as your Division III/IV representative. http://individual.utoronto.ca/sandhya/</p>	<p>Olagoke Vladimir Oladejo I feel absolutely privileged to be at this institution. With its rich history and reputation, its alumni and their global impact, there’s no other place I’d rather be. I’m hoping to contribute to the progress of the university by joining the Governing Council. Planning and strategizing are huge interests of mine, and I’m confident of being an effective representative. In past years, I’ve been a general secretary, vice president and GSU representative (current). Apparently, there’s never been a representative from the aerospace department. Let’s show some love to UTIAS, even though we seem located in another part of the world. https://www.linkedin.com/in/olagoke-vladimir-oladejo-90210</p>
<p>Emeli (Li) Zhang Beside an academic role as a PhD student in the Department of Medical Biophysics, I have extensive board experiences in various organizations, spanning from departmental Graduate Student Association, Southern Ontario Tsinghua Alumni Association, to international non--profits. As a former international and current domestic graduate student, I will be a unifying voice with emphasis on improving financial assistance, diversifying academic experiences, and enhancing availability of and access to career development activities for graduate students. Please vote for Emeli (Li) Zhang on ACORN between Feb. 6 and Feb. 17. See me on LinkedIn. https://ca.linkedin.com/in/emelizhang</p>	