

**2013 Governing Council Elections  
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 11, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Friday February 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.  
Online voting will take place on ROSI ([www.rosi.utoronto.ca](http://www.rosi.utoronto.ca)) and paper ballots will be mailed to post graduate medical trainees.

**Graduate Students, Constituency II (Physical and Life Sciences)**

<p><b>Alexandra Harris</b></p> <p>My name's Alexandra Harris and I recently completed a combined Master of Nursing (MN)/Master of Health Administration (MHSc). I'm now a first year doctoral student in the Faculty of Nursing, as well as a Junior Fellow at Massey College. I have experience in health governance and want to extend this knowledge to the University, thereby providing an informed perspective on the strategic, financial and academic directions of the institution. I believe that I would be an effective steward for the University because I'm a trustworthy, committed and diligent person. I would be honored to act as your graduate representative.</p> <p><a href="http://www.alexharrisrn.ca">www.alexharrisrn.ca</a></p>	<p><b>Farhang Jalilian</b></p> <p>Farhang Jalilian is an MSc candidate in the Department of Medical Biophysics and a research assistant at Sunnybrook Health Sciences. He completed his Hon. BSc in Physics from the University of Western Ontario. Active in the student community at Western, Farhang was the vice-president of Physics and Astronomy Students' Association and has been involved in a variety of outreach activities within the Faculty of Science. Since June 2010, Farhang is a volunteer Medical First Responder with St. John's Ambulance. Here at UofT, he is a member of the Medical Biophysics Graduate Student Association.</p>
<p><b>Ayesha Rashid</b></p> <p>Having an appreciation for the unique needs of graduate students, I am highly motivated to serve as a liaison between graduate students and the university. Good university governance is a shared responsibility, achieved through the sharing of voices and perspectives at all levels. As a graduate student, and with prior experience in graduate student and university governance, I have the skill and motivation to engage in effective dialogues and representation. I would like to have the opportunity to continue in my efforts in voicing the interests of graduate students to impact decisions to help foster excellence at our university.</p>	<p><b>Luka Srejc</b></p> <p>Luka Srejc is a Ph.D. student in the Institute of Medical Science studying the neuroscience of depression. He obtained his B.Sc. (2006) in Psychology/Physiology and his M.Sc. (2009) in Physiology, both from University of Toronto. He has been involved in student leadership in the Graduate Association of Students in Physiology. He is currently on the graduate executive committee of the Collaborative Program in Neuroscience, playing an instrumental role in organizing the first collective body of neuroscience graduate students at UofT. Luka's broad perspective and 10-year experience makes him the ideal candidate to represent the interests of physical and life science grad students.</p>

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<p><b>Yinming Sun</b></p> <p>My name is Yinming and I am a biomedical PhD student. As one who has been here since frosh, I have experienced much that the university had to offer, from the academic rigors of engineering science, to the joys of extracurriculars, to the passions of student clubs. University of Toronto is a home I am proud of and would like to make even better, which is why I seek your support in becoming a student representative on its governing council. My understanding of the university and its student body will allow me to optimally voice the needs of our constituency.</p>	<p><b>Chirag Variawa</b></p> <p>RE-ELECT Chirag Variawa for Governing Council. He has repeatedly demonstrated a passion to bring ALL graduate issues to the forefront of UofT governance. The doctoral completion award and many other critical issues need continued focus, as they form the basis for graduate student financial requirements. Working with the GSU, CUPE, GC, and others, Chirag can leverage his existing network in Simcoe Hall to ensure that grad student concerns are always up-front and centre. Chirag has a LONG list of daily activities as current governor, and all are documented on his website at <a href="http://www.ChiragVariawa.com">www.ChiragVariawa.com</a> PLEASE VOTE FOR CHIRAG VARIAWA, thank you!</p>
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