



**2014 Governing Council Elections  
Student Candidates' Statements**

Voting Period: Monday, February 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, Friday February 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Online voting will take place on ROSI ([www.rosi.utoronto.ca](http://www.rosi.utoronto.ca)) and through a secured website for post graduate medical trainees.

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

<p><b>Afshin Arti</b></p> <p>My name is Afshin Arti. I am a first year PhD candidate on Biomedical Engineering at IBBME. I have a M.Sc in Animal Science from the University of Guelph. As a governing council nominee I do all my best to with expressing the opinion and demands of you students could express your will to the university. I wish to you elect me to could serve you graduate students with all my best.</p>	<p><b>James Bateman</b></p> <p>James Bateman is a graduate student within the Edward S. Rogers Sr. Department of Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering. He previously served on Governing Council and Academic Board during the 2012/13 term, as an undergraduate in Engineering Science. As a former governor, mature student and entrepreneur, with nearly a decade of industry experience, James is well prepared to represent graduate students at the University of Toronto on Governing Council. Vote for James Bateman and trust in his experience to represent you on the highest governing board at U of T. More information can be found online at <a href="http://individual.utoronto.ca/jamesbateman/">http://individual.utoronto.ca/jamesbateman/</a></p>
<p><b>Andrew Fisher</b></p> <p>My name is Andrew and I am a Master's student in Civil Engineering. Throughout my academic career, I have successfully represented thousands of students at departmental, faculty, and university-wide levels. Using this experience, I will bring an informed student perspective to decisions involving your finances, academics, and overall student experience. I will work hard, in concert with the UTGSU and CUPE 3902, to advocate your graduate student needs to university officials. My dedication, relevant experience, and personable demeanor make me a qualified fit to be your next graduate representative on Governing Council. <a href="http://www.andrewfisher.ca/governingcouncil">www.andrewfisher.ca/governingcouncil</a></p>	<p><b>Alexandra Harris</b></p> <p>This past year the university has undergone substantial leadership transformation, so it's particularly important to have effective stewards right now to guide the university's strategic, financial and academic directions. I believe I've been a committed, collaborative and trustworthy representative and am seeking your support to continue my efforts. Also, I reflect the perspectives of both professional and research-focused graduate students, having completed a Master of Nursing &amp; Health Administration and now studying as a 2<sup>nd</sup> year PhD student. So please, RE-ELECT ALEXANDRA (ALEX) HARRIS as your representative. To learn more about my leadership experience and goals as a governor, visit <a href="http://www.alexharrisrn.com">www.alexharrisrn.com</a></p>

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<p><b>Mario Milicevic</b></p> <p>Mario Milicevic is a highly-motivated engineering PhD student, who is also a UofT undergraduate alumnus (2010), researcher, teaching assistant, and avid Hart House enthusiast with comprehensive experience in student dynamics. His passion for student engagement and extensive volunteer experience leading local and international teams to deliver high-impact results, will enable him to uphold and voice the academic, employment, and funding interests of graduate students. As Chair of the IEEE Toronto Young Professionals group, Mario understands the importance of investing in UofT's next generation of innovative leaders – YOU. Mario will strive to make strategic and financially-savvy choices to support YOUR success. <a href="http://bit.ly/milmar">http://bit.ly/milmar</a></p>	<p><b>Mehala Subramaniapillai</b></p> <p>I am a Master's student at the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, having completed my undergraduate studies also at the University of Toronto, majoring in Neuroscience. I have served on the Board of Directors at Justice for Children and Youth, currently organize women's intramural basketball and support many community organizations. Through the graduate perspective, I will be able to advocate for and act in the best interests of this world-class university in order to support its continued growth, development and success. It would be my privilege to serve as your graduate representative. I hope to have your support.</p>
<p><b>Dan Weaver</b></p> <p>Dan Weaver is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Physics who has spent a decade engaged with the University of Toronto community. Dan has proven leadership experience advocating for science funding and serves on Evidence for Democracy's Board of Directors. Dan also has extensive experience as an educator. He offers the excellent public speaking skills needed to give graduate students a respected voice. Dan offers you an experienced, reliable, and dedicated representative at the Governing Council. Dan is committed to working with other student organizations to improve our shared community, particularly to advocate for minimum financial support above the poverty line. <a href="http://www.danweaver.ca">www.danweaver.ca</a></p>	