

Personal Statement

My name is Naheda Sahtout and I am a 4th year PhD student in the Department of Chemistry. I have been an active member of the GSA since January 2015, serving as the Council member representative for my department. In the past year, I have also served on several GSA committees including the Governance Review Committee, the Bursary Selection Committee and the Elections Referenda Committee. I played a pivotal role in organizing the 1st ThinkGrad Conference, which was held here at the University of Saskatchewan. I am also currently representing the graduate students on the Academic Programs Committee of University Council for the 2017 / 2018 academic year.

As your VP External, I will;

- 1)** Work on supporting the efforts of ThinkGrad, a think tank for graduate student associations to discuss and address problems affecting higher education in Canada. I will continue to bring forth problems that we, graduate students at the University of Saskatchewan, currently face and listen to possible solutions that other GSA's around Canada have implemented or suggest to address similar areas of concern.
- 2)** Work with the provincial government and the university to initiate discussions on new potential scholarships that graduate students can access.
- 3)** Work closely with the Canadian Federation of Students to determine what other benefits we can access for you.

I am a responsible, dedicated and committed individual. As your VP External, I will work closely with the other executives to ensure that we address your problems and provide possible alternatives and solutions.