

GSA 2025-26 Executive Byelections

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Position- GSA President



1. MARY-FIDELMA NDUPU



My name is Mary-Fidelma Ndupu. I am a master's student studying Computer Science and I am running to be your next President of the Graduate Students' Association.

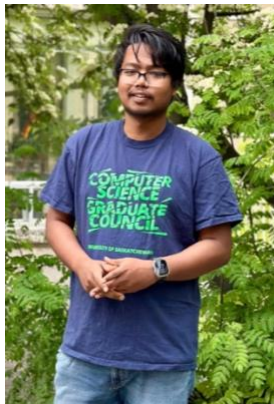
As a current GSA Council Member and Bursary Committee Member, I have seen firsthand how strong, inclusive leadership can directly improve the graduate student experience. I have advocated for fairness in bursary decisions, voiced department concerns at the council level, and worked to ensure transparency and equity in our policies. I am now ready to lead the GSA in delivering even more meaningful change.

If elected, I will prioritize increasing programs and events that foster connection and inclusion as Student involvement is key to building a vibrant and supportive graduate community. I also plan to advocate for more academic and personal support resources—especially for parents, international students, students with disabilities and those navigating additional challenges during their studies here at USask. As a former Student Ambassador and Academic Tutor, I bring strong communication skills, empathy, and a track record of supporting student success. I know how to listen, anticipate student's needs, collaborate, and get things done.

My vision is simple: a GSA that is more active, accessible, and responsive to your needs. With your support, I will work tirelessly to ensure every graduate student feels seen, heard, and supported.

Let us build a stronger GSA—together.

2. PALASH ROY



PhD Student in Computer Science; Former VP Finance & VP Social (Computer Science Graduate Council); President, Bangladeshi Students' Association (USask)

Hi, I'm Palash, and I'm running for GSA President because it's time for leadership that goes beyond promises and takes action. Over the past three years, I've served as VP Finance and VP Social for the Computer Science Graduate Council, and I'm currently President of the Bangladeshi Students' Association (BSAUS). I've managed budgets, built inclusive events, and worked across departments to support both academic and cultural needs. I understand how our student systems work, and how they can work better.

If elected, I'll focus on delivering what graduate students actually need:

- Affordable **childcare** options for student-parents.
- **Mental health** resources that are timely, accessible, and culturally relevant.
- **Transparent funding** processes and fair support for international students.
- **Summer bus passes** for students who remain on campus but are currently excluded.
- **Community-building** across faculties, cultures, and research areas.

I believe in collaboration, not confrontation, but I also believe in persistence. Real change happens when leadership listens, follows up, and refuses to let important issues slip through the cracks.

Grad students are more than just students; we're researchers, mentors, workers, parents, and community members. GSA should reflect and serve that full identity, not just in words, but in action.

If you want leadership with a track record and a plan, I'm ready to lead that change.

Let's build a graduate student experience that works for everyone. Vote Palash Roy for GSA President.

3. SUNNY BUI



I am seeking the position of **President** of the Graduate Student Association (GSA). With over 10 years of student government experience, I bring a wealth of knowledge and a strong commitment to enhance the graduate student experience.

My platform is built on three key priorities:

1. **Creating more research opportunities:** I will bring back the GSA Research Conference, offering graduate students' valuable opportunities to present their work, build academic networks, and gain experience preparing for the academic job market.
2. **Advocacy for Childcare Support:** As a father and someone who has navigated the challenges of graduate school, I will strongly advocate for affordable and accessible childcare for graduate students. This is crucial for recruiting diverse talent and ensuring the success of parent students. I will work with the university to prioritize this issue and push for financial commitments to support it.
3. **Leadership and Transparency:** I believe strong leadership begins with open communication and visible accountability. I am committed to making decisions transparently by regularly consulting students, publishing meeting summaries, and explaining the rationale behind key actions. By fostering a culture of honesty and inclusion, I aim to build trust and empower graduate students to actively participate in shaping our academic and social environment.

Having served on academic, scholarship, social, and student government committees, I possess the experience and passion to lead. As a father, person of color, and PhD student, I am deeply committed to supporting my peers and creating a more inclusive, thriving graduate student community.

4. EMMANUEL AGGREY



Emmanuel Aggrey is my name, a master student from the College of Education, SoTL.

MY VISION:

Transportation: My administration will advocate for **extension of the U-PASS** to cover graduate students who take spring or summer classes and online classes as directed by their department of study. We will ensure that the **extension covers campus parking fees** for all graduate students. In addition, we will implement a dedicated **GSA shuttle service** that will operate on campus to conveniently transport graduate students

2. Building Strong GSA Community: I am committed to building a GSA that thrives on **unity, diversity, and active participation**. Together with my executive team, I will foster open engagement, create college-wide activities, and launch intercultural events that celebrate who we are. From **inter-college games** that build friendships to **cultural showcases** that uplift our unique backgrounds. I will prioritize **professional development programs** for graduate students. We will ensure that every student feels seen, valued, and connected.

3. Parenting and Healthcare: As Nelson Mandela wisely said, *“There can be no keener revelation of a society’s soul than the way in which it treats its children.”* Graduate student parents juggle the dual responsibilities of academia and caregiving, and they deserve our full support. I recognize this challenge and, if elected, I will prioritize the **review and completion of the proposed GSA Daycare Project** initiated by the outgoing administration. I will advocate for **“responsive” dental and eye care plans** for GSA members.

Vote Emmanuel Aggrey for a strong GSA.

Thank you.