



TGSA 2025-2026 Board Of Director By-Elections

Candidate Information

Voting Opens November 13th at 12pm

VP Internal Affairs

Natalie Dinh

I am strongly motivated to apply for the TGSA VP of Internal Affairs position. Currently in my third semester of the Master of Management program, I bring over five years of experience in the business unit–finance sector, together with volunteer service on the Finance Committee at Peterborough 360 Nurse-Practitioner Clinic.

These combined experiences allow me to contribute both strong financial expertise and meaningful community engagement to this role. Throughout my career, I have managed budgets, reconciled accounts, and prepared transparent financial reports to support organizational decision-making. At Peterborough360 Clinic, I participated in reviewing budgets, tracking funding, and ensuring accountability for a nonprofit serving the local community. This opportunity strengthened my ability to work with diverse stakeholders, and it showed me how transparent and responsible financial practices create trust and confidence — a value I would bring directly to the TGSA. I am committed to ensuring that TGSA funds are managed with integrity, that bursaries and supports are distributed equitably, and that financial reports remain clear and accessible to all members. I believe this role is not only about financial oversight, but also about fostering transparency, accountability, and fairness in service to graduate students. I have attached my resume for your review, and I would be honored to contribute my expertise and collaborative spirit as TGSA VP of Internal Affairs.

Sarah Adjorkor Adjei

I am a current Graduate student in the Master of Arts in Sustainability Studies (MASS) program, and I am writing to express my interest in serving as Vice President, Internal Affairs, with the Trent Graduate Students' Association (TGSA). I believe my professional and academic background demonstrates impeccable skills in financial management, Organizational Leadership, and Interpersonal Relationships, essential for this role. In the past years, I have worked and volunteered with different organisations and individuals from various backgrounds.

My role as the Lead, Human Resource / Administrative Consultant at 1 Billion Africa (an NGO in Ghana) included budget development and implementation, tracking financial progress, coordinating with multiple stakeholders, reporting, providing administrative support, policy development, and implementation.

I am optimistic that these skills align with the expectations for the role of the VP, Internal Affairs. I am deeply devoted to contributing to the Mission of TGSA, building a sense of community amongst Graduate students, and supporting to promoting a positive relationship with Trent University and the community at large. I believe my expertise/skills, interpersonal relations, teamwork, and integrity will make me a valuable fit for the position and an addition to TGSA. Thank you for considering my interest.

Durham Representative

Emmanuel Anyinka

Master of Strategic Management

I am writing to express my sincere interest in serving as the Durham Campus Representative for Trent University's Graduate Student Association. As a Master of Strategic Management student at Trent Durham, I have developed a deep appreciation for the supportive and diverse community that defines our campus. This role presents a meaningful opportunity for me to give back by advocating for student needs, promoting inclusion, and strengthening the connection between Durham and the wider Trent community. With over 14 years of leadership experience in banking, project management, and mentoring, I bring strong communication, organizational, and problem-solving skills to this position. My professional background has taught me the importance of teamwork, transparency, and empathy, qualities that are essential for effective student representation. I am committed to helping first-year and continuing students understand Trent's Academic Integrity and Health and Safety Policies, supporting the formation of student societies, and ensuring every student feels valued and supported. My goal is to be a dedicated voice for Durham graduate students. I am someone who listens, acts, and inspires positive change. I believe that through collaboration and shared purpose, we can continue to make Trent Durham an exceptional place to learn and grow.

Anum Azmat Qureshi

When I began my Master of Management in Strategic Change Management at Trent University, I was inspired by the idea that leadership begins with listening and grows through collaboration. As a Durham-based graduate student, I've experienced firsthand how connection and representation can transform the student's experience, and I want to help strengthen that sense of community for all of us.

Through my volunteer work with Islamic Relief and The Neighborhood Organization, I've learned the power of collective effort and the importance of giving people a voice. Whether it's organizing outreach campaigns, supporting diverse initiatives, or simply being there to listen, I've seen how small acts of involvement can lead to meaningful change.

I believe the Durham campus has a vibrant and unique identity within the larger Trent community. My goal as Campus Representative would be to highlight our perspectives, build stronger connections with TGSA, and create more opportunities for collaboration, engagement, and student well-being. Every student deserves to feel represented, supported, and proud of the community they belong to.

As someone who values inclusion, empathy, and teamwork, I would be honoured to serve as Durham Campus Representative and contribute to making our graduate experience more connected, inspiring, and impactful.

Binita Sarker

M.Sc. in Financial Analytics, Trent University

I am writing to express my interest in serving as the Durham Campus Representative for the Trent Graduate Students' Association. Originally from Bangladesh, I bring over five years of professional experience in financial analysis and business operations at ADA (Axiata Digital Bangladesh) and Foodpanda Bangladesh, where I managed projects, financial reporting, and cross-functional team collaboration. These experiences strengthened my analytical, leadership, and advocacy skills, preparing me to represent and support diverse groups effectively. Since moving to Canada, I have gained hands-on experience as a Medical Office Assistant, honing skills in OSCAR Pro EMR, PHIPA-compliant documentation, and patient coordination. This experience has allowed me to adapt my international expertise to the Canadian context while maintaining high standards of organization, communication, and problem-solving. Currently, I am pursuing a Master of Science in Financial Analytics at Trent University. I am passionate about fostering a strong sense of community among Durham-based graduate students, ensuring their perspectives are reflected in TGSA initiatives, and advocating for inclusive policies and services. I would be honored to contribute my cross-cultural insights, professional experience, and leadership skills to support the TGSA mission and the graduate student community.

MA Arts Representative

Jonathan Nayler

My name is Jonathan (he/him) and I am in my first year of a MA in Canadian and Indigenous Studies program here at Trent. I just graduated in June with my BAH in Indigenous Studies. I am running for the MA arts position because I feel that it is important to support students whether in my role as a TA in the Chanie Wenjack School of Indigenous Studies, in my previous roles on Orientation Week, the TCSA, and the Otonabee College Office, or in my daily life as a graduate student. I deeply understand in my mind, body and spirit the main issues affecting graduate students like food insecurity and housing affordability in Peterborough/NOGO and I have spoken up during the TCSA Board of Directors and the Otonabee College Cabinet on these issues (which also affects undergraduate students as well). So vote for me it will be deeply appreciated as the MA arts representative representing students in the Arts, Business and Education masters programs here at Trent and vote for me as a strong voice for these thriving graduate programs - it means so much to me!!

International Student Commissioner

Cinthia Hernandez

I am interested in the International Students Commissioner position at TGSA.

I strongly identify with TGSA's slogan "For Graduate Students, By Graduate Students."

Graduate studies come with challenges for all, whether its funding, returning to study after years of work, or, as in my case as an international student - taking a leap of faith and moving to Canada with my family to pursue a dream of higher quality education while creating better opportunities for my family in this country.

Throughout my career as a Fundraiser for International NGOs and United Nations Agencies, I have developed strong communication skills and take pride in being reliable and professional. If given this opportunity, my goal would be to build trust among graduate students, advocate for their interests, and collaborate with them on research, academic, and student services matters. I genuinely enjoy connecting with people, listening to their needs, finding solutions, and creating tailored events and resources to address their main concerns and suggestions.

I appreciate your time and consideration. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute to TGSA.

Environmental Commissioner

Jamie Burnett

I am interested in fulfilling the environmental commissioner role within the Trent Graduate Association as someone with a background in environmental science/studies and a passion for sustainability. In my own life, I am always looking for ways of making my everyday choices more sustainable, and it would excite me to have the opportunity to do this at a larger scale and to help make campus a greener space that can be enjoyed for generations. I am eager to learn about the environmental policies and bylaws across campus and to play a role in making campus more sustainable by paying attention to details that may be overlooked. I look forward to collaborating with other members of the board within the GSA, as well as organizations and offices outside of it, and to participating in meaningful conversations that will guide environmental decision-making. Thank you for considering me!