



DAGS
Dalhousie Association
of Graduate Students

2020 Election Nomination Form

DEADLINE – April 3rd 2020 – 5:00pm

Electronic submissions accepted. Send to cro@dags.ca

Instructions:

Please fill out the following questionnaire and email in digital copy to cro@dags.ca by April 3rd 2020 at 5:00pm. DAGS will be posting your answers for students to get an idea of your campaign platform.

Please either direct or forward a minimum of two graduate student [DAGS members] emails to support your nomination (@dal.ca email required). These must have the senders' name, B00#, and articulate their support.

An email attestation can only count as a signature from the student's Dalhousie email address.

Important Dates:

- Nomination forms due to DAGS Office or emailed to president@dags.ca – April 3rd 2020 at 5:00pm
- Campaigning – April 6th 2020 – April 10th 2020
- Voting – April 13th 2020 – April 17th 2020 at 9:00pm
- Results – April 18th 2020 at 9:00am

Questions or Concerns?

Contact the DAGS President – president@dags.ca

Name: Fatemeh Rahimi

Program: Master Of computer Science

Year of Study: 1

QUESTIONS:

Please introduce yourself (100 words):

This is Fatemeh Rahimi. I'm Studying Master of Computer Science here at Dalhousie. I was the Director of Science and Computer Science in the previous DAGS Board. I was successful to communicate with students in the Faculty of Science and Computer Science to let them know about DAGS services. Students within these faculties contacted me and I was happy to address their concerns in board and council meetings and at the next level to the Faculty of Graduate Studies. I also planned an Imposter Syndrome panel discussion with the DAGS board to help students in graduate studies with their mental health.

Please identify your top five (5) platform points:

1. Student-supervisor relationship

A lot of problem arises when students and supervisors cannot communicate properly. This issue might end up

students graduating late or do not have enough support during their research. Building a committee to address these issues from different departments can give insight to the board and council to further investigate this matter.

2. Student Representation and Engagement

I want to increase student representation on the council and connect with students by encouraging open communication and engagement through roaming office hours and coffee meet.

3. Student's Mental health

Knowing that graduate studies can be a stressful and overwhelming due to the high volume of responsibilities and deadlines. Mental health problems will be arising easily for students who believe they cannot achieve enough. A support system especially for graduate students is required to help them further with their studies.

4. Recognition of Excellence Award for both students and Supervisors

Excellence Award can be offered in order to encourage people to keep up the good work or try to be the better version of themselves. This should be considered for both students and supervisors.

5. Engage students more

Organize more events for graduate students to get to know each other and communicate.

What are your qualifications and/or experience that relates to the position you're running for?

As I was in the previous DAGS board, this makes me more familiar with the process. This experience guides me to further accomplish my goals this time.

Why do you think you are a good candidate?

I have good communication skills in which makes me a good representative to address graduate students' concerns.

What are the top three (3) things you'd like to accomplish during a term at the DAGS?

1. Communicate more with Graduate societies.
2. Plan events to help with graduate student mental health
3. Bring awareness of DAGS services to the Graduate Students

What issues matter most to you?

- Students mental health because of stressful research
- Improve students' relations with their supervisors
- Students not knowing about DAGS services. I think this year we need to focus more on introducing the society to the students to help students further with their concerns.

Please List any Campaign Links (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website):

CONSTITUENT SUPPORT: TWO (2) EMAILS REQUIRED

In light of COVID-19, the requirement for ten constituent signatures will be waived for this election. Nominees will instead require a minimum of two emails from Dalhousie graduate students who are DAGS members to support their prospect of governance. Emails should include the name and B# of graduate student emailing, and be sent from Dal email address [within the domain of @dal.ca]

Thank you for your application

