



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: Soheil Latifi

Program: M.sc Computer science

Year of Study:2019-2021

QUESTIONS:

Please introduce yourself (100 words):

I am a Master of Computer Science Student. During my bachelor's degree I was an active member of computer engineering society, I organized numerous events and volunteered as staff member in most. I appreciate volunteering and taking part in university events, here at Dalhousie I was a volunteer staff for science Atlantic conference in fall 2019. Taking part in University organized events gives me a sense of fulfilment. I believe I can put my previous experience to use and benefit Dalhousie and its students.

Please identify your top five (5) platform points:

1. Making it feel like home:

As an international student myself I want to help making Dalhousie university a friendlier academic environment for everyone from all around the world.

2. Making tuitions fairer:

I don't think university tuition fees are distributed fairly among students currently international students are paying drastically higher tuition. I believe this should be negotiated and fixed.

3. Distributing funding equally:

I believe university is not a place to make money, therefore I think scholarships and funding individuals receive should not exceed their expenses. This needs to be fixed!

4. Organizing part time worker's unions:

I think all people who work in university should have unions so they can discuss their wages and issues with university authorities.

5. Cultural awareness:

I believe there is a need for students from different cultures and nations to talk about where they come and what they have been through.

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

1. Volunteer staff for Science Atlantic conference, 2019.
2. Volunteer TA for 12 courses, Bu-Ali Sina University, 2014-2019.
3. Co-organizer of ACM competitions, Bu-Ali Sina University, 2016-2018

Why do you think you are a good candidate?

My experience as an international student comes handy in this case. I know what challenges an international goes through from the beginning, how it feels like to be away from home. I follow university events closely.

I tend to put myself in everyone's shoes I want to know their struggles and I am willing to help fixing them.

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

- I am willing to talk with students hear about their problems and try to fix them.
- I want to share my views on different matters with other members of DAGS and collaborate with them towards fixing problems.
- Talk to university officials and fix the issues I listed above.

What issues matter most to you?

Student's financial issues matter the most to me, I believe current distribution of funding and scholarships are far from fair. Also, I think there can be done way more in cultural cases regarding international students. To sum up I believe university needs adjustments to become a fair place for everyone.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/soheil.latifi.92>

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

