



DAGS
Dalhousie Association
of Graduate Students

2020 Election Nomination Form

DEADLINE – May 3rd 2021 – 11:59pm

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 May 3th 2021 at 11:59pm. 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 – May 3th 2021 at 11:59pm
- Campaigning – May 4th 2021 – May 8th 2021
- Voting – May 9th 2021 – May 13th 2021 at 11:59pm
- Results – To be declared on the dags.ca website

Questions or Concerns?

Contact the DAGS President – president@dags.ca

Name: Alireza Ghadamgahi Khorassani

B00 #: B00869497

Program: Civil Engineering (Civil & Resources Engineering)

Year of Study: Started Jan. 1st 2021

QUESTIONS:

Please introduce yourself (100 words):

I am Alireza, an International student of the Dalhousie community. I have finished my post-secondary education on 2019 in my hometown country, Iran. My professional background is related to the civil and infrastructure engineering. I found studying and being in Canada extremely useful during my stay in Halifax, though the pandemic has struck all of us severely. In Dalhousie University, I am both a Research Assistant and a Teaching Assistant of the faculty of civil and resources engineering. My studies are a thesis-based two-year MASc. program related to the mining engineering – application of the engineering knowledge in the practical aspect of underground excavations. I have worked in so many student-based communities during my undergraduate studies – Mentioned in the next sections. Working in these positions helped me to work with different teams with various points of view which gave me a great experience to know how to communicate with others and taught me how to find the best solution to students concerns

Please identify your top five (5) platform points:

1. Trying to provide students with more affordable tuition
2. Providing students with lots of outdoor excursions for improving the community mental health
3. Supporting students financially during their programs by creating various scholarships
4. Connecting the industrial sections to the academia region by inviting company executives at university
5. If possible, creating an event like conferences or convention, symposiums for enriching the atmosphere of the dal community

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

- Director of various voluntary experiences and out-door activities for the engineering students (field trips and field investigations, visiting various construction sites, etc.), Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Tabriz. 2017-2019
- Member of Science Society, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Tabriz. 2016-2019
- Collaborated in the editorial board of Civil Engineering Magazine, (OMRAN PAZHOUH), Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Tabriz. 2018-2019

Why do you think you are a good candidate?

I, as a small member of graduate student, am aware of the problems that graduate students are dealing with and so that I am trying to do my best in order to solve their obstructions. I believe that a person who is commitment and be capable of communicating between different parts of university from the authorities, alumni and the students should be at this position

I, personally, think the below characteristics of mine can help me vent out from the hardships of this commitment.

1. Having the capability of problem-solving in tough situation
2. Having the ability of leadership
3. Being well-organized and self-motivated

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

First of all, I believe that DAGS provide a really brilliant opportunity for sharing ideas and doing a wide array of community-oriented task to both benefits the graduate students and the alumni. It is really useful as it can enlarge the network around graduate students in this post-pandemic situation that we are going through.

Secondly, DAGS is coming from the inside of graduate students' community for the graduate students. People who are like-minded can find a pathway in order to enrich the atmosphere of graduate community, where they are coming from, and allow the opinions of other to be shared unbiasedly in this intimate environment.

Thirdly, I think it is very important that as a human we must try to act equally to one another. I mean accepting other people's idea, opinion, and attitudes plus understanding their concern is a high-priority accomplishment that should be achieved in an atmosphere without discrimination, with social equalities, and even rights.

What issues matter most to you?

- Providing students both Canadian students and International students with the opportunity to be able to study at reasonable price – I am personally against the escalation of tuition fees.
- Providing far better and free health care facilities or graduate student who are affected by harsh situation in the medical cases.
- Due to the post-pandemic situation we as a group of students have the responsibility to get back to the situation that we have had in the campus previously. In this case, more intimate workshops, outdoor opportunities and mental health awareness session are required.

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

Instagram: Alireza__gh

<https://www.facebook.com/alireza.ghadamgahi.54>

CONSTITUENT SUPPORT: TWO (2) EMAILS REQUIRED)

MAYMANDI@DAL.CA

ASAL.YANS@DAL.CA

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

