



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 Mottaghian

Program: Ph.D. at Department of Mechanical Engineering

Year of Study: First year

QUESTIONS:

Please introduce yourself (100 words):

I am Fatemeh Mottaghian, a first-year Ph.D. student in Mechanical Engineering. I am seeking election to a director position for Engineering, Architecture, and planning. My commitment to you is to help make the most of your graduate years by ensuring that your voice is consistently heard. My passion is to provide more opportunities within the Students' Union and help build the future leaders of DAGS as well as career-ready graduates. DAGS is an association where all of us are included, and we should feel that way. The work I do will always be on behalf of the entire student body.

Please identify your top five (5) platform points:

My platform can be boiled down to five points as

- Holding the president, chair, and other board members accountable to their election promises and responsibilities.
- informing students about the Students' Union and how they can get involved.
- directing attention to student involvement, to make student experiences and opportunities more enjoyable for students who find it difficult to take the initial step to become involved
- bridging the gap between our departments and allow room for collaboration with other organizations at DAGS.
- Encourage and promote multi-campus activities, events, and programs, by ensuring communication between campuses.

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

During my bachelor and master programs, I have served as director of engineering at graduate student association, educational assistant of students conference on Mechanical Engineering, organizer of different seminars, as well as volunteer instructor at various courses. All opportunities that have furthered my passion to be a director for the DAGS.

Why do you think you are a good candidate?

Transparency and honesty are very important aspects of decision-making bodies that I will use to hold the board of directors accountable. I will ensure that the future board of directors listens to and advocates for the students as they are the representatives chosen by the students.

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

- My goals center around ensuring more outreach from the Board to the student body. To build the transparency of the board, and working towards direct action to be implemented.
- I would like to use this position to encourage student participation and campus club awareness by providing bi-weekly updates on the activities and actions of the association.
- As a Director, I will be sure to represent students' vision for DAGS by ensuring that they are always heard.

What issues matter most to you?

I believe Inclusivity is a key factor, and as someone who has worked at student associations, I have witnessed students continually talk about wanting more engagement with the community with a focus on reducing school stress. This is the role I would like to represent, directing ideas toward overall student satisfaction, especially students who feel marginalized or discouraged.

Help me make the most of your time here at DAGS.

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

