



**DAGS**  
Dalhousie Association  
of Graduate Students

## 2020 Election Nomination Form

**DEADLINE – June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00pm**

Filled electronic forms should be submitted to [cro@dags.ca](mailto:cro@dags.ca)

### **Instructions:**

Please fill out the following questionnaire and email in digital copy to [cro@dags.ca](mailto:cro@dags.ca) by June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 5:00pm. **DAGS will be posting your answers (except your B00#) on the website to interduce your campaign platform.**

### **Support letters:**

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.***

### **Questions or Concerns?**

Contact the DAGS President – [president@dags.ca](mailto:president@dags.ca) / [cro@dags.ca](mailto:cro@dags.ca)

**Name: Nima Maymandi**

**B00 #: 816402**

**Program: Civil and Resource engineering**

**Year of Study: 2019 -2023**

QUESTIONS:

**Please introduce yourself (100 words):**

I am a Ph.D. student in civil and resource engineering department. I worked as VP Academic in past year and I'm familiar with every procedure that affects academic life of students. I represented graduate students on Senate and FGS councils and committees which are the pillars of decision making for academic future of students. Also, I was a member and president of the Civil Engineering and Engineering department during my undergrad study. 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. Try to keep school affordable!

Negotiate about the tuition fees for graduate students. Grad students are the heart of the university and they should not look as a source of income for the university. Increase in tuition fees in recent years cause many students to have less intention to peruse their post-graduate at Dalhousie, and also faculty members have difficulties to provide sufficient funds for grads. In this year we pointed out this issue in the senate and FGS council and currently FGS are working on changing tuition fees and we will be reviewing it before going out for approval.

2. Mental health awareness

The other issue that is necessary for a graduate student is their mental health, especially an international student who came from different culture and face with the new environment.

3. Get the support we need!

I will increase efficiency in student funding in order to maximize the impact and benefits to students from all faculties to mediate financial burden.

4. Create strong connections

Encourage and facilitate communication between student societies and student professional development organizations. With greater collaboration, these groups can reach a larger audience and students will gain more exposure to the various opportunities for development offered by our student teams and societies. There are some ongoing efforts in this area with "Centre for Learning and Teaching".

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

- VP-Academic of Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students, 2019- 2020
- President of Science Society of Engineering Department of Shiraz University, 2012
- President of Science Society of Civil Engineering Department of Shiraz University, 2010 – 2012
- Vice President of Science Society of Civil Engineering Department of Shiraz University, 2013
- Director of Spaghetti Bridge Competition of Shiraz University, 2011 – 2012
- Member of Science Society of Civil Engineering Department of Shiraz University, 2009 - 2013

**Why do you think you are a good candidate?**

Because of my background I can negotiate very well on behalf of students and work with university authorities and I know as a graduate student what's our problems are and how to face them and eventually solve them.

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

- 1- Talking to different groups of graduate students with different points of view to understand all their problems and find a perspective in our job.
- 2- Find the best solution to the most important issue in the graduate community.
- 3- Try to collaborate with industry and get them to work with engineering societies.

**What issues matter most to you?**

- Health Care for Graduate Students, especially their mental health
- Tuition Cut Fees and financial stabilities of grad student especially their funding
- Quality of the graduate course offering and university equipment

Please List any Campaign Links (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Website): **A reminder that campaigning should NOT be started before the campaign period as announced by DAGS. PLEASE refer to our election policies for further information.**

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 B00# of graduate student emailing, and be sent from Dal email address [within the domain of @dal.ca]

*Thank you for your application*

