



**DAGS**  
Dalhousie Association  
of Graduate Students

## 2020 Election Nomination Form

**DEADLINE – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 – 5:00pm**

Electronic submissions accepted. Send 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 April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:president@dags.ca) – April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 5:00pm
- Campaigning – April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 – April 10<sup>th</sup> 2020
- Voting – April 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 – April 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 9:00pm
- Results – April 18<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 9:00am

### Questions or Concerns?

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

**Name: JAY PATEL**

**Program: MASTER OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

**Year of Study: 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Nominee Position: VP STUDENT LIFE**

### QUESTIONS:

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

I have already mentioned the general information about myself earlier. Let me tell something that you will not find anywhere else. Starting from my education, completed my diploma and bachelor's in mechanical engineering and finished both the degrees by 2014 and 2017 respectively. Besides, I am currently living one of my dream by pursuing masters in the same field within a reputed institution of Canada. Furthermore, I am very

much interested in organizing events, travelling to exotic places, making savory dishes, dancing, playing cricket, to listen music, watching movies and last but not the least spending time with friends and family.

**Please identify your top five (5) platform points:**

- For one, you can say food scarcity is an issue. We know students are struggling with and so a point could be committing a small portion of DAGS resources to making sure snacks are available for graduate students in graduate spaces on Studley, Sexton, and Carleton.
- Secondly, I would like to organize networking and greet & meet events so that international students also get chance to mingle with other students. So, they do not feel home sick.
- Moreover, mental health seems to be a living devil for every graduate student. If I will get a chance, there will be definitely few events pertaining to mental health and meditation.
- Organized event by collaborating with other cultural societies on campus. This will help individual cultural societies to grow and DAGS will get exposure and spread the word on campus through this type of cultural nights.
- Maintain and strength the relationship with FGS (Faculty of Graduate Studies) and to optimize outreach with graduate students for financial and academic aid.

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

- I have already mentioned about my education. As far as experience is concerned, I have been a part of several Dalhousie societies and few of city clubs as well. These societies are listed below with my role;
  - 1) DISA (Dalhousie International Students' Association)  
- VP Marketing and Communication
  - 2) INDISA (Indian Subcontinental Students' Association)  
- President
  - 3) DAL-GSA (Dalhousie Gujarati Students' Association)  
- Vice President
  - 4) DUMMEC (Dalhousie University Mechanical and Material Engineering Conference)  
- Logistics and Control
  - 5) IFCNS (Indian Festivals Club of Nova Scotia)  
- Media Coordinator
  - 6) ISANS (Immigrants Service and Administration of Nova Scotia)  
- Volunteer

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

- I have been organizing events since 2016. I organized my first event while I was doing my bachelors in India. It was about robotics. Since, that day I have realized that I have potential to think innovative ideas, to manage and to organize those events successfully. Since that day I have been organizing big community events, private function, and social events too. After arriving in Halifax, I have been in organization team of East coast kite festival, multi nova fest, and all Indian festivals being managed by IFCNS.

- As a 2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate student and after being a current server of all mentioned organizations and societies I can at least give you my words that I can push myself to achieve a great response form an any event organized by my team. I will prove myself if will get a chance to serve DAGS this year.

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

- As much exposure as, I can deliver to DAGS by organizing different type of events and using the allotted budget effectively,
- By making plenty connection with different societies on-campus as well as, off-campus by involving them as a sponsorship partner along with social media reach and positive analytics,
- I would also like to focus on students who have done tremendous amount of work on their thesis but cannot able to publish it due to funding restriction.

**What issues matter most to you?**

- Financial aid would need to be addressed. Especially for MEng students who does not have any grant, scholarship or funding available from their department or supervisor.
- Various types of fun activities and near distance outings would help student to have a brake from their hectic, and monotonous study schedule. It is essential to international students as well.
- I would also like to throw some light on community societies on campus who are willing to organize interesting events but put a halt on it due to budget restriction.

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

- [Facebook](#)
- Instagram: @jayp974774

**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*

