

# GSA Directors Election 2023 (Updated)

## Call for Nominations: GSA Directors Election 2023

The GSA-UW is now accepting nominations for the upcoming Board of Directors election to fill **Six (6)** vacant positions. University of Waterloo graduate students are invited to put forward their application and run as a candidate in the Board of Directors election. Official notice is hereby served for the election to fill the vacancies of the GSA Board of Directors.

The directorships terms of office are:

- **Six (6) directorships** beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2025.

### Description of Position:

The GSA-UW Board of Directors is responsible for overseeing corporate interests of the Graduate Student Association. Directors are elected by graduate students each year at the GSA Annual General Meeting (AGM) held in the Winter term.

The Board of Directors have monthly regular meetings, and operates according to the Carver Policy Governance framework, meaning that the Board focuses on strategy and oversight, and delegates day-to-day management to staff. Directors are expected to dedicate 15-20 hours of time commitment per month.

We are seeking people with not-for-profit experience. A background in accounting and auditing, budgeting, insurance and lobbying, marketing, privacy management, or risk and controls knowledge is desirable but is not necessary. A technical description of the position can be found in our [Policy Registry](#), and in [GSA Bylaw #5](#).

The GSA Board of Directors are involved in significant conversations and decisions directly related to student life at UW, and this dialogue is strengthened when the Board of Directors is comprised of students with diverse backgrounds, identities, challenges and experiences. The GSA Board of Directors is responsible for identifying and removing structural barriers and enacting policies and practices of inclusions so that all graduate students have equal access to and can benefit from the programs and services offered. The GSA welcomes and encourages applications from qualified individuals who are Black persons, Indigenous persons, and persons of colour, persons with disabilities and/or accessibility needs, all religions and ethnicities, and all gender identities, gender expressions and sexual orientations.

### Nomination Period & Form:

- The call for nominations is open from **March 27, 2023** and closes on **April 4, 2023 at 11:59 PM EST.**
- Nomination forms can be downloaded [here](#) (PDF version) and [here](#) (Word version)
- Nominees can either use single form or multiple copies of the form to collect all 5 signatures from members nominating them. Digital signatures on nomination form are also allowed.
- Nomination forms must be submitted to [gsa-cro@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-cro@uwaterloo.ca). before the posted deadline.
- Nominees will receive a confirmation of receipt from the GSA Chief Returning Officer (CRO) within three business days of submission.
- **If required**, a second call for nominations will open **during the Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2023 starting at 4 pm.**

### **Campaigning & Voting Period**

- Begins on **April 5, 2023** (business hours) and closes on **April 6, 2023** (business hours)
- Candidates may provide a photo and a brief statement to be posted on the GSA website and social media. (Maximum 150 words)
- Online voting **BEFORE the AGM**: Starts on **April 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM EST** and closes on **April 11, 2023 at 4:00 PM EST**. A notice will be sent to all eligible graduate students and they may vote once during this period.
- Online via electronic ballot **at the AGM**: **April 11, 2023 at 4:00 PM EST.**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the operations of the GSA and is accountable to the graduate students of the University of Waterloo. For information please view [Board of Directors](#), the Association's [governance webpage](#), and By-Laws ([By-Law#5](#)).

Comments, concerns, and questions should be directed to the Chief Returning Officer at [gsa-cro@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:gsa-cro@uwaterloo.ca).