



On behalf of Brock University **Graduate Student Senate Representatives** **Nomination Package 2026-2027**

Nominations Open

THURSDAY , JANUARY 8, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.

Deadline for *acceptance* of completed Nomination Packages

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 by 4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT: Nomination Packages are deemed *accepted* based on the time and date stamp *received* in the GSA email system (by 4:00:00 p.m.).

Voting Dates

Tuesday, March 3 @ 12:01 a.m. to Thursday, March 5 @ 4:00 p.m.

All hours stated in this document refer to Eastern Standard Time (EST)

Attention: Election for Graduate Student Senate Representatives is conducted by the GSA on behalf of the Brock University Senate.

The rules and regulations set forth in the Brock Faculty Handbook take precedence in the Graduate Student Senate Representatives Election.

The Graduate Student Senate Representatives Election is open to any Full Member of the GSA per the Eligibility provisions of the Brock Faculty Handbook.

BROCK UNIVERSITY 2026 - 2027 GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVES' ELECTION

About the Brock University Senate and Graduate Student Senate Representatives

The composition and duties of Senate are set out in the [Brock University Act](#) (see sections 7, 11, 12 and 13 in particular). Please also refer to the Senate Bylaws in the [Faculty Handbook](#).

The Brock University Senate is one of the University's two governing bodies and is responsible for the academic policies of the University and approval of academic programs and units. Senate meets monthly from September to June and has 8 standing committees:

- Governance Committee
- Graduate Studies Committee
- Information Technology and Infrastructure Committee
- Planning, Priorities and Budget Advisory Committee
- Research and Scholarship Policy Committee
- Teaching and Learning Policy Committee
- Undergraduate Program Committee
- Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee

It also includes:

- Student Appeals Board
- Academic Review Committee
- Two Row Council.

All student senators are expected to serve on a committee and attend Senate meetings.

For further information, you can visit the University Secretariat's Senate website: <https://brocku.ca/university-secretariat/senate/>, review the [Brock University Act](#) (see sections 7, 11, 12 and 13 in particular), and the Senate Bylaws in section 2 of the [Faculty Handbook](#).

Qualifications for Elected Senators

Section II: 5.7 of the Faculty Handbook sets out the necessary qualifications for graduate student members of Senate. It provides:

5.7.1 Eligibility to Stand for Election

Any person who is, at the time of the election, a student in a graduate program at Brock University and a member of the Graduate Students' Association, and who is eligible to serve (see 5.7.2 below), may stand for election as a graduate student member of Senate.

5.7.2 Eligibility to Serve

Any graduate student at Brock University, as confirmed by the Graduate Studies Office, shall be eligible to assume office as a graduate student representative on Senate. A graduate student representative on Senate must be a member of the Graduate Students' Association and retain part-time or full-time student status within a graduate program at Brock University during his/her term of office.

As soon as possible after the election, the Secretary to the University will request that Graduate Student Senate Representatives indicate their preference for service on the various Senate committees.

Please be aware that workload and responsibilities may vary depending on the Brock University Senate and Senate Committees. Candidates need to be aware of the significant investment of time these positions represent. Students should not stand for election if it will jeopardize their academic performance, the progress of their research, or the timely completion of their degree.

Individuals standing for election must commit to the term in its entirety and must be available and able to fulfill their duties for the entire 12-month period commencing on the day following Spring Convocation (2026) and ending on the last day of Spring Convocation one (1) year later (2027). Graduate Student Senate Representatives must maintain their student status as a Full Member of Brock University throughout the course of their term.

Involvement with the Graduate Students' Association (GSA)

Graduate Student Senate Representatives will also be a member of the joint GSA-BUSU Student Senate Caucus which meets monthly from September to April.

Election Voting Details

Election voting will be held Tuesday, March 3 from 12:01 a.m. through Thursday, March 5 at 4:00 p.m. Voting will be conducted online through a link sent to each currently registered Brock graduate student. Preliminary results will be announced via email and on the GSA website after the votes are verified by relevant parties. The official results of the Graduate Student Senate Representatives' Election will be provided in writing to the Secretary of Senate.

The election for Graduate Student Senate Representatives will be held in conjunction with the election for 2025-2026 GSA Executives.

The elections will be overseen by the GSA's Returning Officer (RO), a student nominated according to the GSA's Bylaw and Policies. The RO will be overseeing the online voting process and announcing the official results.

**Completed Nomination Packages will be accepted up to
Thursday, February 5 by 4:00 p.m.**

IMPORTANT: Nomination Packages are deemed accepted based on the time and date stamp received in the GSA email system (by 4:00:00 p.m.).

Nomination packages must be completed in full and submitted to the GSA Office via email to elections@brockgsa.ca before the deadline. *Candidates who fail to submit completed nomination packages by the deadline will not be allowed to stand for election.*

The Graduate Student Senator election procedures, under Senate's bylaws, do not provide for Candidate campaigning. Instead, the Candidate's Statement included in the Nomination Package will be posted on the GSA website for the information of the electorate.

BROCK UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE REPRESENTATIVES' NOMINATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION		
Full Name:		
Street Address:		Apt#:
City, Province:		Postal Code:
Contact Phone #:		
Brock Student email: <i>(i.e., xx11yy@brocku.ca)</i>		
Student #:		

Please include a photo for promoting on our website – please email to elections@brockgsa.ca

CHECKLIST	
	Completed Nomination form, with signatures
	Headshot (Photo)
	Completed Candidate Statement

NOMINATION SIGNATURES

By submitting this Nomination Form, I affirm that the facts set forth in it are true and complete. I understand that if I am selected as a Graduate Student Senate Representative, any false statements, omissions, or other misrepresentations made by me on this form may result in my immediate dismissal.

I affirm that I meet the qualifications, and I allow permission to the Returning Officer to access the information necessary to verify this statement.

I have read and I understand the job description included in the Nomination Package.

I acknowledge the duties and responsibilities this position entails, as outlined in this Nomination Package.

Nominator's must be current members of the GSA. Nominator's consenting to the nomination of a Candidate will be authenticated and contacted for verification.

Nominee's Name:(printed)		Signature/Student#:	
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CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

The information provided on this form, along with the photo provided, will be posted on the GSA website to allow graduate students to understand each candidate's priorities and experience prior to the election. Candidate statements will be posted as received and limited to 250 words. Should the word limit be exceeded, Candidates will be provided a limited time opportunity to resubmit within the word limit; after the resubmission deadline the most recent statement will be posted as-is up to the word limit. .

CANDIDATE'S NAME:	
POSITION:	Graduate Student Senator
GRADUATE PROGRAM:	
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT (150-250 words)	