

# SENATE ELECTIONS: GRADUATE STUDENTS

## (FOUR to be elected)

The following graduate students have been nominated for Senate (term from July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018). The statements and photos of candidates, if available, have been included below.

1. **ABUHUSSEIN, Ahmed** – Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering
2. **AVUSUGLO, Wisdom** – Science, Actuarial & Statistical Science
3. **BANSAL, Ankush** – Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering
4. **HINAN, Tamara** – Social Science, Political Science
5. **WALSH, Edmund** – Health Science, Nursing

### **ABUHUSSEIN, Ahmed – Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering**



Western strives to attract the brightest and most talented, but more is yet to be done to meet graduate students' reasonable expectations. I believe in activism as an approach to making a positive difference. I have had experience representing the best interests of graduate students, and important changes to funding models and academic policies are taking place. Drawing on both cross-cultural advocacy experience and interdisciplinary governance research, if elected I will continue bringing forward a new reformative perspective to Senate that speaks to each and every one of us.

### **AVUSUGLO, Wisdom – Science, Actuarial & Statistical Science**



I am interested in joining the Senate of the University of Western Ontario due to a commitment to the values of shared governance, affecting students' academics. I have experience in leading students' affairs as the secretary of Students Representative Council, and currently, act as the youth leader of my church, where I have put in place programs (e.g. Summer Mathematic Lab) to enhance students' math performance. These experiences will make me a productive Senate member.

**BANSAL, Ankush – Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering**



I am a Graduate Engineering student and was involved in the student council activities from my undergrad program. I would work to be fair and in the best interest of the students. My aim would be to bridge the gap between the senate and the students to bring best of it to them. Shall I be elected, I will strengthen graduate student community by opening more lines of communication and increasing their professional skills by arranging workshops.

**HINAN, Tamara – Social Science, Political Science**



I am a PhD candidate in Political Science. As outgoing SOGS President, I have spent two terms advocating for graduate students, and am passionate about improving access to mental health supports, engaging students in University decisions, and continuing improvements to University governance. As an official observer at Senate for the past two years, I am familiar with Senate procedures. I would like to continue to represent graduate student voices as a Senator.

**WALSH, Edmund – Health Science, Nursing**



My name is Edmund Walsh and I'm a first year Master of Science in Nursing student from Newfoundland and Labrador. I'm an average grad student – I try my best to work hard and learn lots. And, like you, I hope to make a meaningful contribution to my discipline and community. I've received a warm welcome at Western and would be delighted to serve. Thank you for taking the time to consider me – it is appreciated!