

Independence

The Office of the Ombudsperson is completely independent. We report to an advisory committee made up of faculty and students from various jurisdictions at Western and the Affiliated University Colleges. More information about this committee can be found [here](#). We do not report to any single office or individual at the University.

The Ombudsperson is solely responsible for hiring staff in the Ombuds office, and for setting and managing the office budget and priorities. Investigations are at the sole discretion of Ombuds staff. The Ombudsperson herself is hired by a committee of students and faculty from around the University.

For further information about Independence, refer to the Association of Canadian College and University Ombudspersons' [Standards of Practice](#).