

UWSA GENERAL ELECTION ²⁰²² VOTER'S GUIDE

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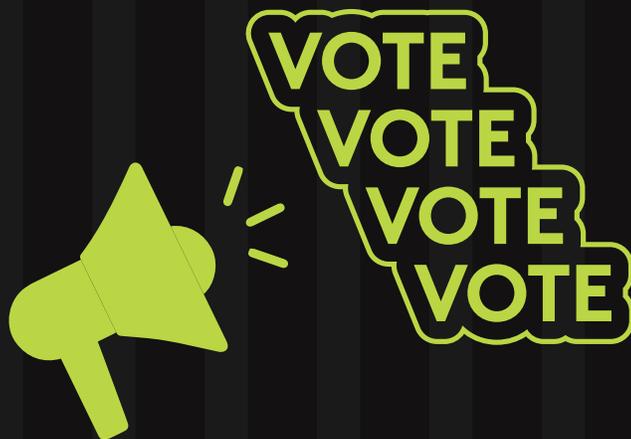
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HOW TO VOTE

1. Check your Webmail to receive your unique Elector ID, password, and voting link.
2. Click on the voting link and enter your Elector ID and password to login and go to the voting page.
3. Go through every candidate and vote yes, no, or leave it blank to abstain.
4. Click "continue" when you reach the bottom of the voting page.
5. Review your ballot. If you need to change a vote, click "change".
6. Click confirm when you're satisfied with your answers. Your ballot will be submitted. You can view your voting receipt on the page.

WHEN

Vote online on **March 7, 8, and 9**. Polls open at 9am on March 7 and close at 6pm on March 9. Check your UofW Email on March 7 to vote for your election candidates!



ACCESSIBLE VOTING, APPEALS, AND COMPLAINTS

ACCESSIBLE VOTING

The Simply Voting website is compatible with screen reading technology. Students with accessibility needs or those without access to Wi-Fi can also cast their vote by phone during the voting period. To cast your vote, simply call the Polling Officer, Mikaila Collins, at 204-995-3725 from 9 AM - 6 PM on March 7, 8, or 9.

DIDN'T RECEIVE THE SIMPLY VOTING EMAIL WITH YOUR VOTING LINK?

Check your spam folder! If you still can't find the email, reach us at cec@theuwsa.ca. Your vote will be accepted tentatively until we can confirm your student status.

APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS

The Chief Elections Commissioner (CEC) and Election Campaign Facilitators (ECF) are responsible for ensuring a fair and unbiased election, and managing all complaints, disputes, and violations of the By-laws. Any member of the association can file a complaint against a campaign.

Complaints about nominations and polling may be reported to the CEC at cec@theuwsa.ca.

Conduct complaints, including disputes between election campaign participants, may be reported to the ECF Ursella Khan at u.khan@theuwsa.ca and Amy Voloshanovskiy at a.volosh@theuwsa.ca.

Complaints regarding the conduct of the CEC or the ECFs may be reported directly to the chair of the Election Accountability Board (EAB) at chair@theuwsa.ca.

The Election Accountability Board is the check and balance for the CEC. Complaints against an action or decision of the CEC are appeals and can be submitted to the Chair of EAB at chair@theuwsa.ca. Any member of the association can file a complaint against the CEC but only those party to the original complaint can appeal a ruling of the CEC.

CANDIDATE GUIDE 2022

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT:



Kiratveer Singh Hayer

Greetings. I am seeking a second term as President to finish ongoing projects. Some of my ongoing projects include creating an alumni mentorship program, creating new events with the alumni association such as a lawn bowling tournament and winter formal, instituting a volunteering program with co-curricular credit, introducing the sport of cricket, forwarding an international student healthcare proposal that has the potential to save international students hundreds of dollars on health coverage fees, developing the all clubs executives (ACEs) board in order to better support student groups, promoting the use of open-source educational resources, election rule reform, promoting academic freedom, and promoting free expression on campus. I have been able to make progress on these projects but have not been able to take them to their conclusion. I am seeking to be re-elected so that I can finish these projects and continue to provide relevant and responsive service to the students.

CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:

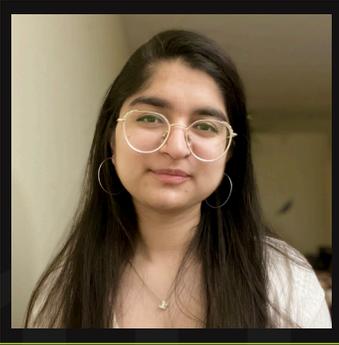


Jonathan Henderson

Jonathan Henderson (he/him) is the current Vice President of External Affairs for the UWSA. He is also the Co-Founder of Healing Together, a men's healing/sharing circle that has been meeting every Sunday for the last three plus years. This initiative has been a free resource of healing for all men of all backgrounds, ethnicity, and ages.

He currently has his BA in Indigenous Studies, and, is also currently working on his 4-year BA in Conflict Resolution, with the ultimate goal of attaining his Masters in this field of study.

Jonathan also loves to advocate through involvement and supporting various community movements, event's and rallies. This allows him to build positive relationships in our community, which is a passion in his life. One such event was raising over \$5,000 for the Unsheltered Relatives Initiative, that provided over 300 hot meals to our unsheltered relatives on the streets of Winnipeg last December.



Kanwalpreet Kaur

I am Kanwalpreet Kaur (KP), an applied computer science student, finishing my second year in the University of Winnipeg. I am an International Student in Canada, coming from Haryana, India. I am greatly honoured to be a student of highest distinction in the Dean's Honour List, and I hope to keep up the level of academic excellence at our university.

I am currently a country representative for India in the University of Winnipeg International Student Union (UWISU), and I wish to serve as a representative not only for International Students but for all the students at the UWinnipeg.

I am running for the position of Vice President External Affairs in the UWSA, and I want to bring a change around issues like high tuition fees and alarmingly increasing mental burden on students while working closely with the sub-associations at UWinnipeg to create a healthy studying environment for all students, in addition to supporting students in any concerns that may arrive. HOPE, CHANGE AND PROGRESS!



Aman Kumar

Greetings. I am an international student majoring in Psychology. The experience i have gained as the racialized students' director at the UWSA for the past 2 years has given me the experience necessary to succeed in this role.

I seek to create a responsive student union that focuses on issues that are relevant to the students. For example, I want to build relationships with new external organisations like AIESEC which provides opportunities for Cross-cross internships and facilitates a global volunteer exchange program. I believe that students deserve a strong voice that will advocate for their best interest.

My experience participating in my highschool debate team gives me the skills necessary to negotiate the best deal for students. With the threat of bill 33 looming on the horizon, the students need effective leadership in the position of VPEA. I feel that I am in the best position to provide this leadership.



Bhavya Jindal

Bhavya Jindal (She/her), an affable, compassionate, and ambitious girl, is the current Director of Events in UW International Student Union. An international student from India, she is pursuing a BSc in Biology and is a recipient of the World President's Scholarship Award for international students.

Bhavya has often shown excellent leadership skills as she has always been a part of her school's Prefectorial body and had the opportunity of becoming the Vice Head girl (2017) and Sports Secretary (2018). As a philanthropist, she has a keen interest in volunteer activities and won a National Level award for her work in Project 'Balajanagraha' -which translates to changes brought about by the young generation.

She is an advocate for mental health. Her passions include basketball, sketching, Indian classical singing, and writing poems. Her goal is to become a cardiothoracic surgeon.

Follow Bhavya's Instagram at @bhavyajindal79 to become her friend and help her bring about the much-needed changes today.

CANDIDATE FOR ARTS DIRECTOR:



Umar Awan

Hello everyone, My Name is Umar Awan, I am a second-year student at the University of Winnipeg majoring in Political Science and I will be seeking to be re-elected as your UWSA Arts Director. I heavily believe in student rights and want to make a positive change throughout this year. I am committed to creating a better experience for Bachelor of Art's students if I do so get re-elected.

I have experience in creating and dealing with student motions, and advocacy across different platforms. Since the beginning of 2020, student rights were an issue, and I did my best to advocate for it. I have made multiple appearances on CTV News, CBC News, The Winnipeg Free Press and The Manitoban regarding my advocacy for students.

I would gladly take on any challenge for any student. My goal for the upcoming years is to get what students need and deserve. Connect with me on Instagram: @umarrawann Vote on March 7, 8, and 9. Check your UofW Email on March 7 to vote for your election candidates!

CANDIDATE FOR BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS DIRECTOR:



Jaspinder Kaur Dhillon

Hello! My name is Jaspinder Kaur Dhillon, and I am from Punjab, India. I am enrolled in BSc with a business stream and currently 6 credits away from completing my second year and I think the fun fact about me is I am equally passionate about science and business.

I am an outgoing person and love to make new friends. I am running for the position of Business and Economics director.

I aspire to spread positivity and provide a valuable voice for the University students. I will be advocating for the U of W bus pass and will try my best to have this benefit continued for all of us.

I will ensure that all the services are accessible to everyone and will work towards promoting Equality and Equity in the University. Talking about my previous experiences, I have volunteered with Cancer Care Manitoba last year as a Public Advisor and am currently volunteering with Canadian Red Cross as Personal Disaster Assistance Team Responder. This for sure has helped me to interact with people more openly and freely and view the world from a different perspective. I will give my best to this role and will try my best to live up to all of your expectations. Let's stand for change! Please vote on March 7, 8 and 9!

CANDIDATE FOR COMMUNITY LIAISON DIRECTOR:



Sarah Anderson

My name is Sarah Anderson and as a fourth year Education student, I have come to understand the vital role community and connection plays in university life and student success. As a young teen and a wheelchair user, I began engaging with other youth in several ambassador positions through motivational speaking and writing. I also had the privilege of repeatedly serving as your Accessibility Director, a role in which I spearheaded a variety of initiatives and collaborated with internal and external partners to enrich the

outcome and maximize the benefit to students.

As your Community Liaison Director, I will focus on enriching existing accessibility initiatives through integrating perspectives of the wider disability community. I will also dedicate time to collaborating with other board members to explore how more partnerships with local and provincial organizations could strengthen the existing projects and services of the UWSA. Please vote March 7 - 9 and have your voice heard!

CANDIDATE FOR EMERGING LEADER DIRECTOR (2 YEAR TERM):



Shubhdeep Kaur

I am a student at the University of Winnipeg, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science. I am an international student from Punjab, India who enjoys exploring new places, cultures meeting new people.

With my role of emerging Leader, I look forward in being the voice of students, raising the issues faced by them, and suggesting possible solutions with the best interest to students. Focus will be in engaging students together and creating ideal environment and building a strong community that promotes productivity and interaction with each other. Creating awareness about the facilities available on campus such as foodbank and mental health assistance which most students struggle during their time in university. During my term, I will strive my best to build positive impact in the university.

CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' DIRECTOR:

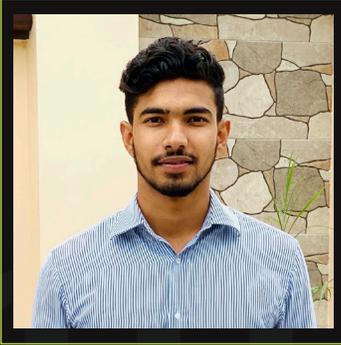


Sunpreet Kaur

I am Sunpreet Kaur (she/her). I am third year Bachelor of Physical and Health Education student. I am an international student, migrated from India. I started my journey in Canada in 2019. I did volunteer in "Motion ball" and I am Marketing and Social media coordinator.

I always try to maintain positive attitude with everything. Some of my hobbies are playing badminton, listening to music, eating new foods and exploring different cultures. Being a student is difficult but being an international student is even harder. After spending 3 years as an international student, I believe I can understand the problems well of international students.

I am very excited to become a part of university community and make my university time memorable. My favourite quote is "Be yourself, everyone else is already taken". I always try to give my best and be loyal and wise in whatever I am doing.



Ravi Kumar

Hey! My name is Ravi. I am a 2nd year Criminal Justice student, and I could be found in the soccer ground or a kayak. I am running for this position because I am passionate about advocating for international students' needs on/off campus. I want to help you enjoy your time at UW by addressing and advocating your concerns and by making decisions about campus events. I will take actions and arrange events so that international students who pay high amounts fees can enjoy their time and have awesome memories at UW.

As an international student, I understand the mental stress of managing university and personal life. In these uncertain times, loneliness is one of the biggest challenges that people face and I will address that issue by organising events like trips and events. I'm asking for your support so I can begin working for a more accessible, affordable, and most important, more enjoyable and fun learning experience. It would be my honour to be your International Student Director.



Tomiris Kaliyeva (Co-Director)

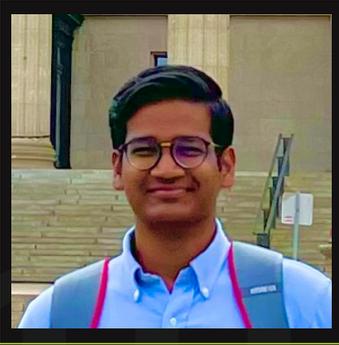


Christine Quiah (Co-Director)

Be honest, did you know where to get your SIN and your SIM card? Were you confident in your apartment, scholarship, and job search? Well, we didn't, but now we do, and we are here to make your first impression of Canada less stressful than ours.

On the grander scale, we are planning to hear your voices. For us, YOU come first. Lowering international tuition fees has been brought enough, but it's time to take fundamental steps towards that direction. We aren't promising you sunshine and rainbows, but you can count on us to provide a shelter when in need.

The international community of U of W is huge, but not very united, and we want to bring a change to that. Coming from two vastly different cultures, we believe we can cater to all of you. Let's make struggling a bit better by sticking together.



Tushar Singla (Co-Director)

My name is Tushar Singla. My current major is Business Administration and I am so excited to be running for International Students Director. I am an ambitious and dedicated student who will work hard to provide a valuable voice for the students of The University of Winnipeg. I aspire to spread positivity and strive to work hard.

I was a part of Initiators of Change which is a nonprofit organization in India who spreads awareness on Education and Mental Health.

And currently I'm in my first year of my bachelor's degree and decided to run for Students Director because being an international student, I recognize the challenges students face when starting their journey in Winnipeg.

One of my biggest priorities if elected will be focusing on projects and events based on our students' feedback and interests and knowing what each and every student is facing here in Winnipeg leaving everything in their home country. I am dedicated to creating an environment that improves the welfare of every student, and what better way to do that than by listening to the voices of UoW students. I am an extreme extrovert and I love to meet new people and strike up conversation with everyone.



Suvansh Shukla (Co-Director)

My name is SUVANSH SHUKLA, Born and brought up in Chandigarh, India. I passed my high school in Ludhiana and then I completed my senior high school in Chandigarh, India. Those years were very joyful and enjoyable. After completion of my senior school, I started my further education at the University of Winnipeg as an international student.

When I started my journey in aboard with very less friends, faced many challenges however university supported me when it needed me the most. So as an international student's director I would like to introduce more things and amenities which can help the students. And the most important thing is I came in the winter term, and it was very cold outside for a few weeks it made me think why I choose Winnipeg but now I feel like it's my home and there is nothing better than your home.

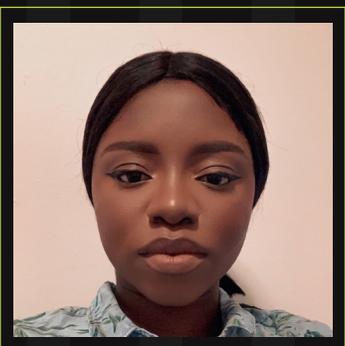
CANDIDATE FOR PART TIME/MATURE STUDENTS' DIRECTOR:



Clifford Stornel

Three years ago, Cliff Stornel altered the course of his life by starting at the University of Winnipeg. Previously he had worked in customer service for over 20 years. Now he is a 3rd year student completing a double major in Psychology and Conflict Resolution. The end goal is Counselling. Cliff was born and raised in Winnipeg, on Treaty 1 territory. Over the years he has chaired conventions, ran social groups, and volunteered in more organizations than he can count. He loves to be active and involved in his community and the University of Winnipeg is now his community. Last year he joined the UWSA as the Part-Time/Mature Students Director. He has worked to build a place of community within the University, including helping to set up the new Discord. The work is not yet done, and Cliff want to continue working for you.

CANDIDATE FOR RACIALIZED STUDENTS' DIRECTOR:



Oyin Akinboye

Hi, my name is Oyin Akinboye, I am an international student from Nigeria. I am also a second-year computer science student. In my spare time, I volunteer with the big brother and big sister of Winnipeg. I also enjoy travelling during summer. I came to Canada during the pandemic, and I have not had a better way to get to know my classmates and the campus at large. Joining the UWSA will give me this opportunity alongside creating interesting and not-so-formal events that can help us get to know each other better.

CANDIDATE FOR RECREATION AND ATHLETICS DIRECTOR:



Vandan Khunt

Vandan Khunt is a second year ACS & Mathematics, double major student at University of Winnipeg. He's ambitious and dedicated to represent as Recreation & Athletics Director in UWSA. Throughout his schooling years, he has played various kind of sports which have demanded qualities like diligence, leadership & team spirit from him. Being inclined towards such qualities, he has always been adherent towards leading a healthy and a fit lifestyle. Being a public enthusiast, he has always been fond of promoting an athletic life to people around him. With a vision to enhance and empower atmosphere for study and leisure at UWinnipeg, he would like to take this opportunity to represent the position of Recreation & Athletics Director.

CANDIDATES FOR SCIENCE DIRECTOR:



Kaynat Grewal

My name is Kaynat Grewal (she/her), and I am an international student majoring in Biology. I am running for the position of science director in UWSA elections. Sports and music are the things I love the most. I believe that a person must excel in both the academics and co-curricular activities. I love exploring new places, foods and cultures. I aim to address all the concerns related to science students and find the best available solution. I will be responsible for representing any proposals or questions that concerns the science community at the University of Winnipeg.



Ardita Ibrahimaj

I am Ardita Ibrahimaj, my major is Biology as I am literally in love with science. In high school, I was the class senator and the secretary of the student union. The position there allowed me to come in contact with different problems that students were facing inside and outside school and by contacting them, chatting, and making our voice heard we were able to solve all of them.

I would describe myself with three adjectives ambitious, precise, and hardworking, but my friends always wanted to add these other ones kind, patient, and fun to be around, hopefully, I will live up to these adjectives here too, as I did in my country, but that can be done only with your help. I believe everyone deserves to express their opinion, as every single word matters, we come from different countries so we may seem different but quite the opposite we are the same.

CANDIDATE FOR STUDENT LIVING DIRECTOR:



Vlad Samon

Vlad is a passionate international student from Ukraine. In his previous life, he was an alumnus of one of the best Ukrainian law schools. Vlad focused his professional path on non-governmental organizations, charities, and helping the community in general. His latest project in Ukraine was related to the legal assistance of displaced persons due to the political crisis in Belarus. Today, he studies Project Management at PACE. Since August of 2021, Vlad has been enjoying the position of Resident Advisor in the McFeetors Dorm. He ensured that there were more good times than bad during his tenure as the RA. The job allowed Vlad to fully understand the plight of various residents in McFeetors Hall and Balmoral Houses. Vlad is ready to take his expertise and experience to help every current or future resident of University Housing. He will bring his unique Ukrainian zeal to a vibrant community. Слава Україні!

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

U-PASS REFERENDUM QUESTION

Do you support the UWSA reinstating the U-Pass once the majority of University of Winnipeg courses are offered in-person, providing unlimited ongoing access to Winnipeg Transit for all full-time students, for a fee of \$212.00 per term (adjusted annually to maintain a 50% discount from the Full Adult Transit Fare)?

THE OPTIONS ARE:

- Yes, I am in favour of reinstating the U-Pass.
- No, I vote to end the U-Pass.

For more information please visit theuwsa.ca/u-pass

TRANSFORMATIONAL LIBRARY RENOVATION REFERENDUM QUESTION

Do you support a new fee of \$3.00 per credit hour, amounting to approximately \$10 Million (or 20% of the total project cost) over a 20-year contribution term, to fund the Transformational Library Renovation – building more space for study and student collaboration, expanding connective technologies, and Indigenizing the University of Winnipeg library.

THE OPTIONS ARE:

- Yes, I support the new fee for the Library Renovation.
- No, I do not support the new fee for the Library Renovation.

For more information please visit uwinnipeg.ca/library-renewal/index.html



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