

The Student Governing Board of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University (SAMRU) is seeking passionate individuals of diverse backgrounds to run in the Student Governing Board elections and join the Board in providing governance, oversight and direction for SAMRU on behalf of the organization's 12,000 Mount Royal University student members.

The Student Governing Board is legislated by the provincial government as the highest decision making authority at SAMRU responsible for overseeing all aspects of its operations and representation functions. As a member of the Board, you will be tasked with making strategic decisions based on information and lively debate, and providing high-level direction to SAMRU's Executive Director and the Representation Executive Council to fulfil the Mission, Vision, and Beliefs of our organization:

Mission:

We represent and serve students to help them succeed

Vision:

Where every student can discover themselves, build meaningful relationships and make a difference in the world

Belief statement:

We believe:

- **COMMUNITY** is built on individual relationships and shared resources
- **LEARNING** goes beyond the classroom, contributing to the realization of aspirations
- **INTEGRITY** requires accountability, openness, responsible stewardship, and ethical governance
- **DIVERSITY** makes our community stronger and more vibrant
- **FUN** is essential to creativity, engagement, and social development
- **AUTONOMY** makes it possible for us to respond to the needs of our members

Being a Board member is an important job with a lot of responsibility, but the volunteer time commitment is minimal at approximately 6-8 hours per month and you will be provided with all the training you will need to succeed. Board members also receive reimbursement for the cost of one class plus fees each semester and excellent opportunities for professional development.

By joining the Board you will develop a clear understanding of how a multi-million dollar organization operates, learn the nuances of running a registered charity, gain an appreciation for the complexities of principled representation and advocacy, and receive in-depth training in policy board governance and financial oversight.

This experience is transformative for many students - making a difference in the lives of Mount Royal University students while developing valuable leadership skills and real-world experience that translates into a competitive advantage in whatever field of employment they pursue.

Please read the nomination form carefully, fill it out completely and submit all information by **4:30 pm March 1, 2024** to elections@samru.ca

If you have any questions contact the Chief Returning Officer, Shauna Hunter, at elections@samru.ca.

1. General information

Personal information:

Full Name:
Preferred Name (name as it will appear on the ballot):
Date Submitted:
Student Identification Number:
Current area of study + year:

Contact information:

Address:	Postal Code:
E-mail:	Phone:

Fully completed Student Governing Board Nomination forms and all related documentation must be submitted no later than March 1, 2024 at 4:30PM to elections@samru.ca

The following sections are included in this Nomination Package:

1. General Information;
2. Overview;
3. Personal Statement;
4. Releases;
5. Consent and Certification.

Please ensure that all sections are complete before submitting your Nomination Package. Incomplete applications may not be considered. For questions, please contact the Chief Returning Officer, Shauna Hunter, at elections@samru.ca.

All-Candidates Meeting: All candidates are required to attend the All-Candidates Meeting on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 12:30PM to 1:30PM virtually via Google Meets. Candidates **must** be represented at this meeting either in person or by proxy (if by proxy, please inform the CRO via email at elections@samru.ca).

The All-Candidates Meeting will have the following agenda:

- a) The list of candidates will be announced;
- b) Reasons for any rejected nominations will be explained;
- c) Regulations for campaigning will be reviewed; and
- d) Details on the "Candidate Public Introductions" at the Annual General Meeting will be provided.

Preparation: SAMRU will schedule photos and videos with each candidate to occur on a date after the All-Candidates Meeting on March 11, 2024.

Campaigning: The campaign period for candidates begins March 25, 2024 at 12:00PM noon and ends March 27, 2024 following the Student Governing Board Governor vote at the Annual General Meeting. Handbills will be provided to candidates and candidates will be asked to participate in recorded videos that will be used for promotional purposes by SAMRU and at the Annual General Meeting.

Candidate Public Introductions: Pre-recorded videos of each candidate will be shown at the Annual General Meeting on March 27th. Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting and to invite attendees to the AGM to support their candidacy.

Voting: Voting will occur at the Annual General meeting on March 27, 2024 at 7:30PM.

Election results will be announced at the AGM after the voting has occurred.

2. Overview

General position description for Governors:

The Student Governing Board speaks with one voice and focuses on long-term planning, strategic decision making, and policy-level direction to achieve SAMRU's mission and vision. While responsible for self-governance and organizational oversight, the Student Governing Board is a policy-making Board of Directors and as such avoids making direct management and operational decisions; as a Governor, your role within SAMRU focuses on the organization as a whole.

In addition to attending meetings, Governors are also required to occasionally volunteer within SAMRU in order to broaden general student understanding of the organization and expand the student experience.

Question:

Are you available to attend board meetings and committee meetings on Mondays 4:00PM – 7:30PM?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Question:

Are you aware of the duties you will be required to commit to as a Governor, and do you agree to fulfill these duties during your term in office?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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3. Personal Statement

Please note that this may be used in SAMRU's elections promotional materials.

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to become a Governor. (max. 500 words)

4. Releases

With appointment to SAMRU's Student Governing Board, you will be required to sign a waiver, a contract, a confidentiality agreement, and an intellectual property agreement. Are you prepared to do so?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Do you consent to receiving information relevant to your position from SAMRU at the email address supplied above? You may request to be removed from the mailing list at any time by sending an email to governance@samru.ca. However, this may impede your ability to receive timely communication from SAMRU.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Governors will be asked to submit a brief biography and photo for SAMRU promotional purposes during their term. If appointed, do you consent to your biography and photo being published?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Please note: *The personal information collected on this form will be used to administer and manage SAMRU programs and services, and to maintain SAMRU's records. This information will be protected by the provisions of the Personal Information and Protection Act (PIPA) and can be reviewed during normal business hours upon request. Information may be disclosed to third parties in order to meet specific contractual and legislative requirements required to deliver services you have requested. We treat your personal information with care and respect, and use it to improve our services.*

5. Consent and Certification for Nomination, Above

I hereby consent to standing as a candidate for the position of Governor, and further certify that:

a) I am a credit student at Mount Royal University and thereby an Active Member of SAMRU in good standing;

b) I am either:

A new student who has not previously attended a semester at Mount Royal University, or

A returning student to Mount Royal University who has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5, is in good standing, and is not on academic probation (you must fill out the Marks Release section of this application);

c) I agree to comply with all By-Laws and Election Policies of SAMRU.

Date:
Full name:
I agree to the above <input type="checkbox"/>
Signature of Nominee: <i>(type your name here)</i>

NAME (Please Print)

"I hereby authorize the Registrar to release to the Chief Returning Officer of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University, or his/her designate, all relevant information about my registration as a student, in order to confirm that I am in good academic standing and eligible to serve as an officer of the organization in accordance with the bylaws of the Association."

Signature

Date

M.R.U. Student I.D. #

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The above mentioned student has a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5:

____ Yes

____ No

The above mentioned student is registered at Mount Royal University as a:

____ Full-time Credit Student

____ Part-time Credit Student

Registrar's Signature

Seal of the Registrar: