



**ÉLECTIONS**  
*AÉUM / SSMU*

# First Year Council Nomination Kit

President

Vice-President (Finance)

Vice-President (Internal Affairs)

Vice-President (Student Affairs)

Vice-President (External Affairs)

Please be sure to read all the information in this package and fill out all the necessary forms.  
Questions? Comments? More information?

## **Contact us**

[elections@ssmu.ca](mailto:elections@ssmu.ca)

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Dear Candidate,

First off, good for you for deciding to run in the **Fall 2025 FYC elections**! It's a tough decision to make, but getting involved with student politics so early in your McGill career is extremely rewarding, so kudos to you! The Elections SSMU team is here to guide you through the campaigning and polling periods, so please don't be afraid to take advantage of us!

There are five positions up for FYC elections:

- President
- Vice President (Student Affairs)
- Vice President (Finance)
- Vice President (Internal Affairs)
- Vice President (External)

For a description of these positions, please refer to the First-Year Council Constitution, the Internal Regulations of Governance, or contact the Vice-President (Internal) at [internal@ssmu.ca](mailto:internal@ssmu.ca).

Only first-year undergraduate students in good academic standing at McGill are eligible to run. Please fill out all of the attached documents in this package and read the documents here stipulated, to complete your candidacy, by following all of the following steps:

1. Collect at least 25 signatures from first-year undergraduate students who wish to support your candidacy by asking them to fill out the enclosed nomination form. (*\*Note: you might want to include extra signatures to ensure all of the required ones are valid*)
2. Where required, fill out your personal information, print your name as you want it to appear on the ballot, and sign the attestation of academic standing.
3. Email us an electronic copy of your 150-word pensketch (Optional). There are more details on page 4.
4. Submit this completed kit any time before 5:00 pm on Monday, September 8th, 2025, by dropping it off at our office between 9:00 a.m and 5:00 p.m., or another time as can be arranged by contacting [internal@ssmu.ca](mailto:internal@ssmu.ca) or [president@ssmu.ca](mailto:president@ssmu.ca). We are located at **3501 Rue Peel**, behind the University Centre . Late forms will be rejected without appeal.

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5. Make sure that an Elections SSMU officer signs this document in the appropriate form. You may wish to photocopy this kit for your personal records before handing it in.
6. Attend the mandatory candidates' meeting on **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm** in the Boardroom of 3501 Peel Building. At this meeting, you will get a chance to meet the Elections SSMU Officers and find out how the election works. More importantly, we will explain the Elections By-Laws, as well as the rules, procedures and possible sanctions that are applicable.
7. Elections SSMU requires that all candidates carry themselves in full respect of the Constitution and Governing Documents of the SSMU. The officers of Elections SSMU are specially charged to maintain good electoral decorum and enforce campaign violation regulations. Please read the Internal Regulations of Elections and Referenda and relevant Constitution articles found:  
<https://ssmu.ca/how-we-run/governance-documents/>

## Important dates to remember

- **Nomination Period:** Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> to Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- **Extended Nomination Period** (only for positions with one or less candidates):  
Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.
- **Mandatory Candidates Meeting:** Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, Boardroom, 3501 Peel, 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm.
- **Campaign & Polling Period:** Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. to Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m.
  - Please be aware that prospective candidates may not begin campaigning until the campaign period begins. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.
- **Announcement of results** (via email): as soon as results are verified on September 17<sup>th</sup>

You can ask us questions about any elections during the year, or just talk to us if you're unsure about running, or what it'd mean to run. If you have any comments or queries, please contact Elections SSMU at [elections@ssmu.ca](mailto:elections@ssmu.ca).

Thank you and good luck!

All the best,

Zeena Zahidah  
Vice-President (Internal)  
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## Pensketch

All candidates have the right to pen a brief outline about themselves, their qualifications and the ideas that they will bring to the position being sought. This information will be uploaded onto the Elections SSMU website and the Online Voting System.

If you would like your pensketch to appear in French, it is your responsibility to have it translated. The deadline is the same for the French version of your pensketch. Elections SSMU highly suggests that you do this, because if you only submit an English pensketch, it will not appear on the ballot when students choose to vote in French.

- **ENGLISH** TEXT MAY NOT EXCEED 150 WORDS IN LENGTH: EXCESS WORDS WILL BE CUT.
- **FRENCH** TEXT MAY NOT EXCEED 175 WORDS IN LENGTH: EXCESS WORDS WILL BE CUT

Email us a passport-sized digital photo of yourself in JPEG format (photos larger than passport-sized will be resized at our discretion). Please Submit Electronically.

You can email the pensketch to us ([elections@ssmu.ca](mailto:elections@ssmu.ca)).

Pensketches are due on **Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.**

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### Personal Information

Name	_____	Student ID #	_____
Faculty and Year	_____	Phone #	_____
Address	_____		

Position sought	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	President	Vice-President (Finance)	Vice-President (Internal Affairs)	Vice-President (Student Affairs)	Vice-President (External Affairs)

Please print your name in the square below, as you wish it will specifically appear in the electoral ballot.

\*Note: Prefixes such as Mrs., Mr., Miss, as well as titles and degrees of any kind, are not permissible.

### Contact Information Disclosure

On occasion, Elections SSMU Officers may receive questions about you and/or your platform. As we are a non-partisan organization, we will provide no response to such questions.

If members of the press want to make clarifications or speak to you directly, do you give Elections SSMU permission to release your phone number and e-mail?

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

I have read and completed all of the steps provided in the instructions of this kit.

Signature

Date

### Attestation Of Academic Standing

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned, hereby state that I am in Satisfactory Academic Standing and will be a registered undergraduate student at McGill University in the 2025-2026 Academic year. I further authorise Elections SSMU to confirm such information with the Registrar of McGill University:

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Signature

Date

### Confirmation Of Receipt (For Elections SSMU)

This nomination  
was received on

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(date/time)

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By (Print name)

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Signature

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Name	_____	Student ID #	_____
Faculty and Year	_____	Position Sought	_____

We, the undersigned, confirm we are first-year undergraduate members of the Students' Society of McGill University, and nominate this candidate for the position noted above. We understand that this indicates simply our confidence in the candidate's ability to perform the tasks of the aforementioned position. (\*Note: Students may nominate more than one candidate for the same office\*) (\*Note: Please make sure that all information is printed legibly and COMPLETELY, or else it will not be counted)

	<b>Name</b> <i>e.g. John Smith</i>	<b>Faculty/Year</b> <i>Arts/ U0</i>	<b>Student Email</b> <i>John.Smith@mail.mcgill.ca</i>	<b>Signature</b> <i>John Smith</i>
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