2026 Faculty of Science Election

for
Undergraduate Student Representative on Senate

Candidate Profiles

November 11, 2026

Carleton University

Science UG Student Represenative on Senate – Nominees

Nominees are listed in alphabetical order.

1. Adrian Ponce
2. Maryam Nadeem

Candidate Statements

Name: Adrian Ponce

Faculty: Faculty of Science

Summary of Governance and Committee Experience:

- Senate Academic Integrity Appeals Committee

Statement of Candidacy

Hello everyone,

My name is Adrian Ponce, and I am a Computer Science Software Engineering student entering third-year standing in the Faculty of Science, and I am currently serving on the Academic Integrity Appeals Committee in the Senate here at Carleton University.

My vision for Carleton University is one of inclusivity, fairness, and opportunity. One where a student who decides to take a chance on themselves and invest in their future through higher education is given the resources and tools necessary to succeed, provided they are willing to put in the work required.

I am seeking a position on the Senate because I believe students in the Faculty of Science deserve a representative who is committed, approachable, and willing to advocate for their interests with integrity. During my time in the Senate's Academic Integrity Committee, I have gained valuable experience discussing issues that affect students across the university. This role has given me insight into the importance of fairness, accountability, and thoughtful decision-making in university governance. It has reinforced my belief that every student deserves to be treated equitably and that student voices should be heard and taken into account when decisions are made.

If elected, I will work to ensure that student concerns are brought forward, considered thoughtfully, and represented
responsibly. I will approach every decision with fairness, transparency, and the best interests of students in mind.

As we look ahead to a term full of opportunity and possibility, I'm asking for your trust and your vote. I'm ready to work hard, advocate for our needs, and help build a stronger future for our Faculty of Science at Carleton University, one that best serves you.

Thank you.

Name: Maryam Nadeem

Faculty: Faculty of Science

Summary of Governance and Committee Experience:

- Senate, Undergraduate Representative, Faculty of Science (2024)

Statement of Candidacy
When I first served on the Senate as a Faculty of Science undergraduate representative during my second year (2024–2025), I was still learning about Carleton, how our university operates, and the decisions that shape our experience as students. Now, as a fourth-year undergraduate, I can look back on how much I've grown, both academically and through my involvement in the Carleton community. The more involved I've become, the more I've come to appreciate how different each student's university experience can be, and how important it is for students to feel that their perspectives are heard and represented.

Through my involvement in different areas of student life (clubs, societies, leadership roles, etc.), I've had the opportunity to connect with students, support them, and contribute to a community I'm proud to be part of. These experiences have made me appreciate that being part of a university community means more than just showing up; it means caring about the people around you, listening to their experiences, and finding ways to contribute. I'd love the opportunity to return to Senate with the perspective I've gained over the past few years, continue learning from others, and help ensure that undergraduate students' voices are part of the conversations shaping Carleton's future.