



Frequently Asked Questions

What do I include in my bio?

Include your name, and your graduate program that you are currently enrolled in at Athabasca University. You can share things like experiences as an AU student, career background, volunteer experience, and personal interests. It is up to you to determine what to include in your bio but keep it focused on what would be insightful for the membership to make informed decisions when voting.

How many words can my bio be?

Your bio is maximum 200 words. Not a single word over 200. Candidates often target the 100 to 200-word range. If your bio is over 200 words, the end of your bio will be cut off.

Can I include campaigning material in my bio?

Yes, you can include things that are important to you as part of your campaign in your bio. If doing so, please contact the Executive Director at AUGSA for guidance on campaigning language.

Can I include a website link in my bio?

If necessary, you can include a link to a personal campaign website at the end of your bio. Please remember there should be zero cost to your running in the AUGSA elections.

Will there be an opportunity to talk to the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) and/or Executive Director?

After you submit your nomination, all nominees will be invited to attend an information session that will go over general guidelines for the election and a detailed overview of the positions. The sessions will be in the evening during the week of February 24th to March 2nd. The exact dates and times are to be determined.

What are the Elections timelines?

The 2022 Faculty Representative (aka Council Members) elections shall consist of the following periods:

- Friday, February 17th - 24th: Nominations Open
- Friday, February 24th - March 2nd: Candidate Preparation





- Friday, March 3rd - 9th: Candidates Campaign
- Thursday, March 9th & 10th: Online Voting Period
- Tuesday, May 9th: Scheduled Council Transition/Start Date

When do we find out who won the election?

Monday, March 13th, 2023

How can I keep up to date on all things AUGSA and the elections information?

Follow us on LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

@augsa and @athabascaugsa

Am I eligible to run in the Council elections?

All Graduate Students are eligible to run in the Council elections; however, you must reside in Canada and permanent full time AU staff are not eligible to run for Council positions. All councillors must be active members in good standing and successfully complete at least three (3) University graduate credits during their term in office.

*Active members of the association include all graduate students, program and non-program, at the University who are in good standing.

Who do I contact if I have any more questions?

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