

Co-Presidents

Hi! Our names are Jamie Mustian (lab of Dr. Anne McKinney) and Adithi Sundarakrishnan (lab of Dr. Paul Clarke), and we are your GAPTS Co-Presidents for this year! Our goal for this upcoming year is to continue to foster a sense of community and support amongst our fellow graduate students. We will serve as the voice for GAPTS during faculty meetings to allow an outlet for students' desires and concerns to be heard. Lastly, we are eager to take on this position to roll out fun, fresh ideas to build upon the foundation our previous GAPTS leaders and members established. Please do not hesitate to reach out if there is anything we and/or the council can do for you as members of GAPTS 😊

VP Social

Hello! My name is Braeden Giles, and I am a doctoral candidate in the labs of Drs. Bernard Robaire and Koren Mann and your VP social for GAPTS! My goal is to host non-academic events that promote unity and fun both within and outside our department. From sports to paint nights we have something for everyone. I can't wait to see you at our departmental events or around the hallways!

VP Communication

Hi everyone! My name is Alyson Jiang and I'm a Master's student in Terry Hebert's lab! As VP Communications, I am responsible for communications from GAPTS to the rest of the Pharmacology department via newsletters, event posters, social media announcements, and more. I also attend PGSS Council meetings to act as a liaison between GAPTS and PGSS! Please reach out if you have any suggestions or just to chat and make a new friend! <3 In my spare time I like Bixi-ing around Montreal, trying new restaurants, watching tv/anime, and recently, learning to play intramural volleyball and paddling with the McGill Dragon Boat team!

VP Finance

Hello everyone! My name is Jacob Blaney, I am an M.Sc. student in Terry Hebert and Jason Tanny's labs, and I will be your VP Finance for next year! A strong financial underpinning is critical for the success of any organization, and this is what I plan to bring with my experience and ideas to this portfolio. Throughout my undergrad, I have enjoyed working in leadership positions for services such as the McGill Student Emergency Response Team where I gained experience that will transition smoothly into the VP finance role of GAPTS. As VP finance, I will be a liaison between the different GAPTS portfolios, and I would contribute to their success by assisting with the financial goals for each VP. The finance portfolio succeeds when strong organization is combined with innovation. I will be responsible for generating and adhering to

the 2022-2023 GAPTS budget and preparing financial statements for PGSS and the Executive Council, ensuring transparency and accountability for the organization.

VP Academic

Hi! My name is Olivia Kovecses, and I am a PhD student in Dr. Maureen Mckeague's lab and your VP academic for the 2022-23 academic year. My role is to help you get what you want out of your graduate training. To help students get the best out of their academic training, I am responsible for the coordination of all graduate academic related events within the department, such as student-led scientific seminars and career information sessions. I am also responsible for providing resources and support to graduate students who may want additional guidance during their graduate training.

Graduate Student Representative

I am Andrew Bayne, a PhD student in the lab of Dr. Jean-François Trempe studying the mechanisms of mitochondrial quality control. I will be serving as the Graduate Student Representative (GSR) for a second term in a row, where I am responsible for: (1) acting as the liaison between current graduate students and faculty members on the Graduate Training Committee; (2) interviewing and evaluating incoming graduate students for admission into our MSc and PhD programs; (3) aiding GAPTS council in the planning and execution of our social and academic events. I look forward to continuing as the GSR this year and to fostering an equitable and evolving graduate program as a member of your GAPTS council.

VP Health and Wellness

Hi, I am Emma Paulus from Paul Clarke and Terry Hebert's lab! As I proposed in my campaign, I'd like to have different 'channels' whereby students can choose for themselves how they'd like to take breaks and relax! I hope to organize physical activities and activities to promote mental health/emotional wellness. Exercising or engaging in team sports is a great way to both better one's physical and mental health. What I'm thinking is: Setting up an intramural team that grad students can join, like a running club. We can also have special events once a month or every other month to promote mental & emotional health: A yoga class, spin class, coffee & chat sessions, to name a few. Students can join in all these activities or one of them—I want there to be options, though, so people can find something that resonates with them and their lifestyle! 😊