

VP Social

Hi! My name is Luc Truong and I'm a Master's student in the lab of Dr. Jean-François Trempe as well as the VP Social on GAPTS. My role on the council is to help organize and run non-academic events for graduate students in the department of Pharmacology with the goal of providing opportunities to socialize and have some fun with fellow students and staff.

VP Academic

I am Josh Emmerson and I am pursuing a PhD the lab of Dr. A. Claudio Cuello. As VP Academic, I am responsible for the coordination of all graduate academic related events within the department and providing support to graduate students who may want additional guidance during their graduate training. As an example, one of the key responsibilities is our longstanding collaboration with the Departments of Physiology and Experimental Medicine to host a monthly Methods Seminar Series for graduate students to learn about methodologies external to their labs expertise.

Graduate Student Representative

Hi! My name is Anne-Sophie Pépin, I am currently a PhD student in the lab of Dr. Sarah Kimmins, and my research project aims to elucidate how paternal obesity can predispose future generations to metabolic syndrome. I have been involved in GAPTS for two years now, first as co-president and this year as Graduate Student Representative. I am also the Win4Science Mentorship program coordinator. As the Graduate Student Representative, my primary responsibility is to represent students' voice at the Graduate Training Committee (GTC). Members of the GTC oversee the governance of the graduate program, review applicants to the program, evaluate the first year presentations and senior seminars, as well as other aspects regarding graduate students' education.

VP Communications

Hello! My name is Célia Bouazza and I'm a Master's student in Dr. Terry Hébert's lab. I'm also GAPTS' current VP Communications, which means I'm responsible for most of the communications (monthly newsletter, event posters, emails, etc.) that are sent on behalf of GAPTS to the whole graduate student body in Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Another important aspect of my role is to attend monthly PGSS council meetings and represent all students in our department to report back regarding the changes and events taking place at the graduate McGill-wide level.

VP Finance

Hello! I am Kyla Bourque, a PhD student in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics in Dr. Terry Hébert's lab. I've been a McGillian since my undergraduate studies where I learned to embrace my passion for biomedical research. I am also VP Finance of GAPTS and I am responsible for recording and budgeting the finances of our Graduate Student Association. For instance, I am responsible for generating and adhering to an annual budget as well as ensuring transparent book-keeping practices. I am the signing officer for the association on all financial matters and I prepare financial statements quarterly, annually and as requested for the executive council and PGSS.

Co-Presidents

I am Jennifer Chen and I'm currently a PhD student in Dr. Jason Tanny's lab studying the mechanistic aspects behind how histone modifications regulate transcription elongation. I am also on the PGSS Health and Wellness committee and as co-president of GAPTS this year, one of my main focuses was to advocate for more awareness and services regarding the health and wellness of graduate students in the department.

I'm Jace Jones-Tabah, I am a 4th year PhD student in Terry Hébert and Paul Clarke's labs and I have previously served on GAPTS as both VP Academic and Graduate Student Representative. This year as co-president one of my goals has been to organize a new event series that highlights the diverse career paths of former departmental alumni to encourage students to think about where a graduate degree in pharmacology can take them.

As co-presidents of GAPTS, we ensure that the graduate student voice is represented at Departmental and Faculty meetings and that our concerns are heard and acted upon. Additionally, we oversee the organization of all the different GAPTS events carried out during the school year and actively work with the rest of the team to help promote a sense of belonging within the department.