

GAC Hot Topics

GAC will prioritize several crucial academic issues this year, including copyright literacy, ongoing efforts to support open access publishing, and the evolving fight to preserve academic freedom and intellectual property.

For more information about GAC and for all other academic inquiries please contact the GSA's VP Academic (613-520-6200 ext. 8005 or vpa@gsacarleton.ca)



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Graduate Academic Caucus



What is the Graduate Academic Caucus (GAC)?

GAC is a committee that draws together dedicated student representatives from each department/school to coordinate responses to the academic issues of our growing student body.

Representatives serve as direct links between students, departments and the GSA, while also ensuring that the academic needs of graduate students are represented and conveyed to Carleton's Senate and university administration.

How would sitting on GAC benefit me?

- Being a GAC member will enable you to directly influence the quality of your education at Carleton University.
- GAC provides members with the resources, advice and support regarding issues that arise within departments.
- GAC members may be nominated to sit on a variety of committees that report directly to Senate.
- GAC provides a space to network and meet students from different departments.
- Sitting on GAC is great to add to your CV!

How often does GAC meet?

- GAC meets every other month starting in early October.
- Meetings are about 2 hours long.

How do I join?

- Graduate students in your department are allocated 2 voting seats on GAC.
- If you sit on your faculty board, you automatically sit on GAC.
- Every departmental board should include graduate student representation. In the case where students are not currently represented on your departmental board:
 - These seats must be allocated by a vote of the graduate departmental society.
 - In departments without a graduate society, the GAC nomination form (see right) must be completed.

- Every member of the GSA has speaking rights at every GAC meeting.
- If there is an issue that you would like to raise at GAC, please contact the VP Academic (vpa@gsacarleton.ca) and GAC can provide you with the tools you need to take action.

GAC REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM

Candidate's Name & Signature:

Student # & Department/School:

Email Address:

1st Nominator's Name:

Student # & Signature:

2nd Nominator's Name:

Student # & Signature:

3rd Nominator's Name:

Student # & Signature:

Please complete and return to the GSA office, 6th floor UC