A BIT ABOUT ME

My name is Mohamed Abdelsamie, and I am a candidate for GSA VP Academic. My role, and goal, would be that **YOU** receive the best academic support you need, and have the best academic experience.

I am a third year PhD Candidate who likes photography, playing music, and reading. I have also experienced all the ups and downs of grad school, being a grad student for 6 years.

I am very approachable, and a very good listener. I am also quite efficient in maximizing and realizing ideas and plans.

**My Experience:**
- Senior Community Advisor in Crowsnest Hall (2017 - Present)
- Member of the Graduate College (2017 - Present)
- Member of the Finance Committee in the Graduate College (2017 - Present)
- Community Advisor in Crowsnest Hall (2016 - 2017)
- Member of GSA Graduate and Family Housing Committee (2016 - 2017)
- Member of GSA Awards Committee (2016 - 2017)

**My Experience Impact:**
- My role as a community advisor exposes me to the problems that grad students face. I act as a resource and support for hundreds of students.
- Being a member of GSA committees gave me insight of the inner workings of funding and awards.
- Being a member of the Graduate College gives me the opportunity to work with student leaders.
- Being an ISS mentor, and as a former international student myself, I know how hard it can be to get the academic support you need.

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**My Goals as VP Academic:**
I have three main themes for my platform: **Graduate Funding, Academic Resources, and Supporting International Students.**

**Graduate Funding:**
- Revise the evaluation criteria for GSA awards to ensure fairness.
- Improve the graduate student funding model.
- Revise eligibility criteria and award description to make it clearer to graduate students.
- Advocate for allocating more funds for more awards.

**Academic Resources:**
- Meet the needs of graduate students for academic support.
- More publicity for the current academic support resources, with more creative advertisement.
- Develop a Graduate Student Handbook.
- Implement grad students’ feedback about the current academic support resources.

**International Students:**
- Provide academic support tailored to the needs of international students.
- Familiarize international students with the academic environment of UofC in workshops.
- Reach out for international students to let them know of the available resources.
- Increase the collaboration between the GSA and ISS.

I AM DEVOTED TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AT UoFC. BECOMING THE NEXT VPA WILL HELP US ALL MAKE GRAD SCHOOL A BETTER EXPERIENCE.

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