GSA ELECTION
VICE PRESIDENT
STUDENT LIFE
VOTE
ABDULWADOOD AL-ALI
Who Am I?

My name is Abdulwadood Al-Ali, I am first year PhD. student at the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. I have been at UofC for 3 years now as I got my MSc in Electrical Engineering last winter. I am running for VP student life position, as I believe that the graduate student life has much more to it than research.

What’s My Experience?

- The IEEE Student branch as an active member, then as an executive secretary for 2 years
- The Iraqi culture club for 3 years
- The executive board of university of Sharjah Student Council (Student union)
- The events committee of the GSA

Why should you vote for me?

- **Graduate Student Groups (GSGs)**
  We all have things in common and we would love to be able to have a group based on our research, cultural, or special interests. GSGs are designed for that, they are just like the student clubs we all loved back in our undergrad years. I will work on the structure of the GSGs and their requirements to make it easier for students to form their own GSG.

- **Graduate Residence**
  I will reintroduce the Graduate residence committee to advocate for the residence students and work with the resident services on the students’ experience at the university residence.

- **Legal Aide**
  As graduate students we all need some legal services at some point in our journey, starting from taxes all the way to patents and start-ups. I will work in collaboration with some of the specialists in those fields and offer some legal services to the Graduate community and work on some workshops and information sessions.

- **Multicultural Events**
  I believe that we have a great multicultural and multinational community that we can utilize by starting a series of events that aims to bring students from different cultures and nationalities together and exchange knowledge and experience.

- **Get the GSA Closer to you!**
  I will continue working on getting the GSA closer to the students since I believe that it is our duty to come and hear from you and not wait for you to approach us. I will continue working on the Building Bridges idea which was presented this year and improve on it by making it more often and get the Departmental Graduate Associations (DGAs) more involved in it, so you get to see us everywhere and we get to hear from your more!