

A circular portrait of Saloumeh Talebloo, a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored blazer over a dark top with colorful patterns. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a bright, slightly blurred indoor setting.

# SALOUMEH TALEBLOO

**FOR GSA OFFICER  
AT LARGE**

## **ABOUT ME:**

Saloumeh Talebloo is a doctoral candidate at the Department of Geography. Her research focuses on immigrants' housing experiences in Calgary, with a special emphasis on the integration process. She began her academic career in Iran with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture and later completed her Master's degree in Real Estate and Development in Malaysia. Along with her academic work, she has actively participated in volunteer activities at the GSA and GLU. She previously served as Chair of the Events Subcommittee at the GSA in 2025/26 and Vice-Chair of Communications and Internal Affairs at the Graduate Labour Union in 2023/25.

## **VISION:**

**To build a Graduate Students' Association that operates with disciplined accountability, meaningful engagement, and measurable impact.**

# EXPERIENCE WITH THE GSA AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

- CHAIR, EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE, GSA (2025–2026)
- VICE-CHAIR EVENTS – GEOGRAPHY GSA (2024–2025)
- VICE-CHAIR INTERNAL, GLU (2024–2025)
- VICE-CHAIR COMMUNICATION, GLU (2024–2025)

## POLICY PRIORITIES

- **BUILD STRUCTURED, TWO-WAY FACULTY REPRESENTATION**

I WOULD IMPLEMENT A STRUCTURED REPORTING SYSTEM WITH EACH ASSIGNED FACULTY AND DGA: SCHEDULED CHECK-INS, SHARED ISSUE TRACKERS, AND SHORT POST-MEETING SUMMARIES THAT CLARIFY WHAT WAS RAISED, WHAT ACTION IS POSSIBLE, AND WHAT IS NOT.

- **ACTIVATE A HIGH-FUNCTIONING VOLUNTEER NETWORK**

I WOULD CREATE A STRUCTURED VOLUNTEER PATHWAY: CLEAR ROLE DESCRIPTIONS, BRIEF TRAINING MODULES, AND RECOGNITION MECHANISMS TIED TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. WHEN VOLUNTEERS UNDERSTAND THEIR IMPACT AND GAIN TANGIBLE SKILLS, PARTICIPATION BECOMES SUSTAINABLE RATHER THAN EPISODIC.

- **ELEVATE STUDENT WELLNESS FROM SERVICE AWARENESS TO STRUCTURAL ADVOCACY**

STUDENT WELLNESS CANNOT BE REDUCED TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OR WORKSHOP PROMOTION. FOR MANY GRADUATE STUDENTS, STRESS IS NOT ABSTRACT; IT IS FINANCIAL PRECARIETY, UNCERTAIN IMMIGRATION STATUS, FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING THROUGH WAR, OR POLITICAL UNREST BACK HOME.

- **STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS COMMITTEES THROUGH STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

I WOULD PRIORITIZE CLEARER INTEGRATION BETWEEN SUBCOMMITTEES AND THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ENSURING IDEAS MOVE FROM DISCUSSION TO FORMAL RECOMMENDATION. IF COMMITTEES GENERATE IDEAS THAT NEVER REACH DECISION-MAKERS, WE WASTE COLLECTIVE ENERGY. MY FOCUS WOULD BE ALIGNMENT, VISIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, AND POLICY TRANSLATION.