

# 2025 Board of Governors Elections Information Session

February 3 & 4, 2025



# TMU Land Acknowledgement

Toronto is in the 'Dish With One Spoon Territory. The Dish With One Spoon is a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land. Subsequent Indigenous Nations and peoples, Europeans and all newcomers have been invited into this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship and respect.

# Introduction - Purpose of today's session

- This is a general information session for interested potential nominees planning to run in the upcoming Board elections.
- This session is hosted by the **Secretary of the Election Procedures Committee** and the **Returning Officer** for Board elections.

# Introduction - other things you should know

- This session is being recorded.
- You are welcome to have your camera on or off.
- Everyone will be muted during the presentation, except for the speakers.
- Following the presentation you will have an opportunity to ask questions.
  - You are welcome to add questions via the chat feature at any time; we will address them after the presentation.
  - When we're ready to answer questions we will review comments in the chat and will also look for those using the “raise hand” feature, or those with raised hands on camera. The facilitator will read questions from the chat or will address you so that you can ask your question.

# Bi-Cameral Governance

The University operates with two governing bodies:

## **Board of Governors**

Responsible for the government, conduct management, and control of the University and its property, revenues, expenditures, business and non-academic affairs

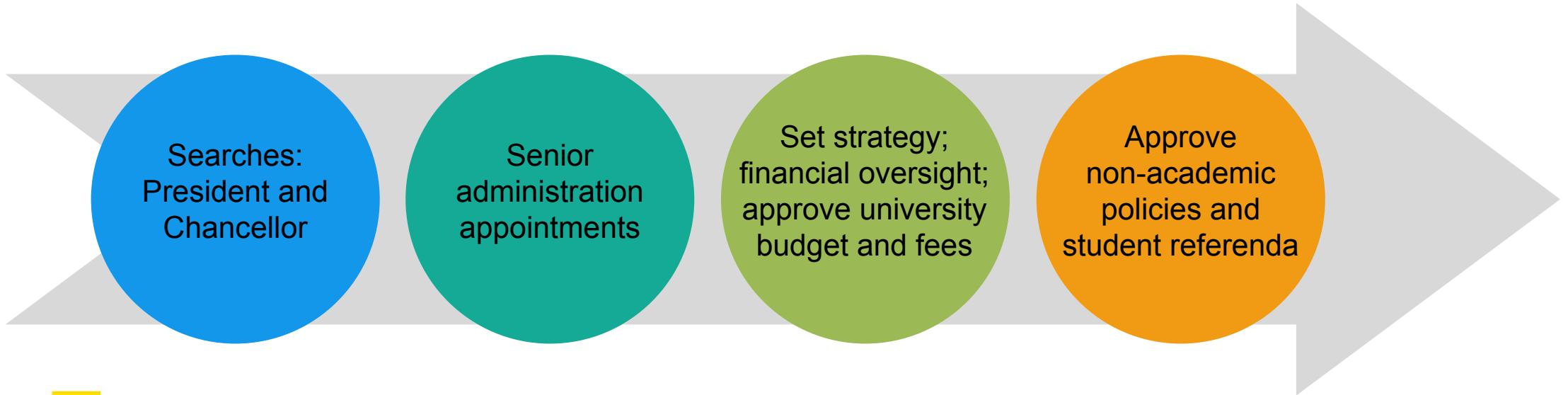
## **Senate**

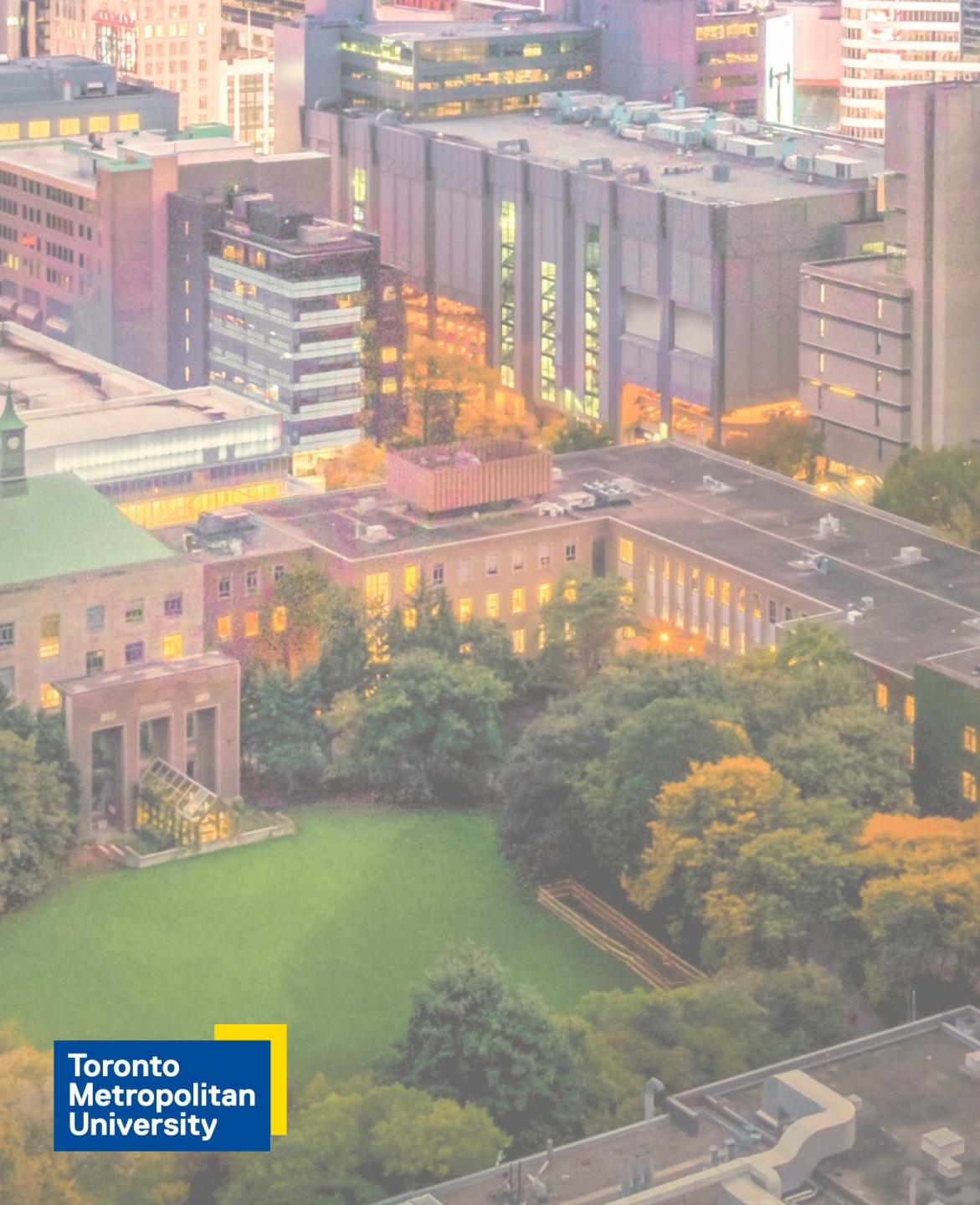
Responsible for determining, communicating and implementing the University's policies related to academic matters including the content and quality of all programs and courses of study, the standards for admission and qualifications for matriculation

# Role of the Board of Governors

Determined by the ***Toronto Metropolitan University Act***:

6(1) The government, conduct, management and control of the University and its property, revenues, expenditures, business and affairs, except with respect to such matters as are assigned by this Act to the Senate, are vested in the Board, and the Board has all powers necessary or convenient to perform its duties and achieve the objects and purposes of the University.





# Board Composition

There are twenty-eight (28) members of the Board of Governors including:

- Chancellor,
- President and Vice-Chancellor,
- nine (9) external members appointed by the Government of Ontario,
- two (2) external members appointed by the Board,
- three (3) alumni members,
- three (3) faculty members,
- two (2) staff members,
- three (3) student members, and
- four (4) Honorary Board members, including the Honorary Board Elder.

The Chair and Vice Chair of the Board are elected by its members. The Board is supported by the General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Governors.

# Board Committees

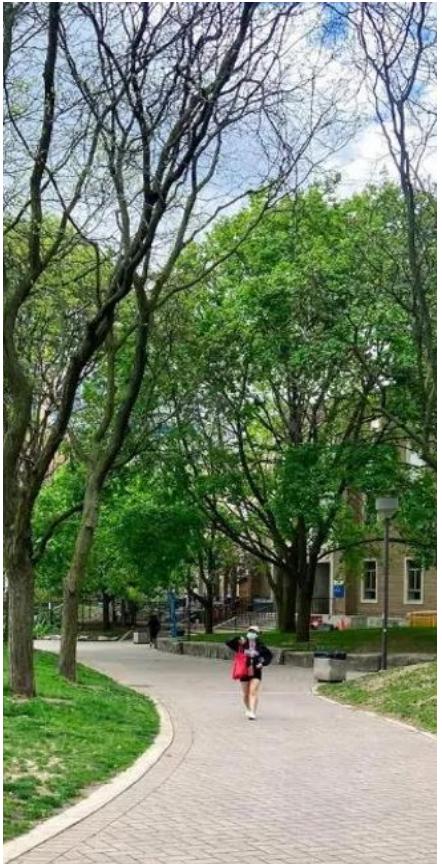
- Audit Committee
- Employee Relations and Pensions Committee
- Finance Committee
- Governance Committee
- Negotiations Committee



- Investment Advisory Committee
- Property Committee

- Elections Procedures Committee
- Chancellor Search Committee
- President Search/Review Committee

# Board and Committee Meetings: Key Information



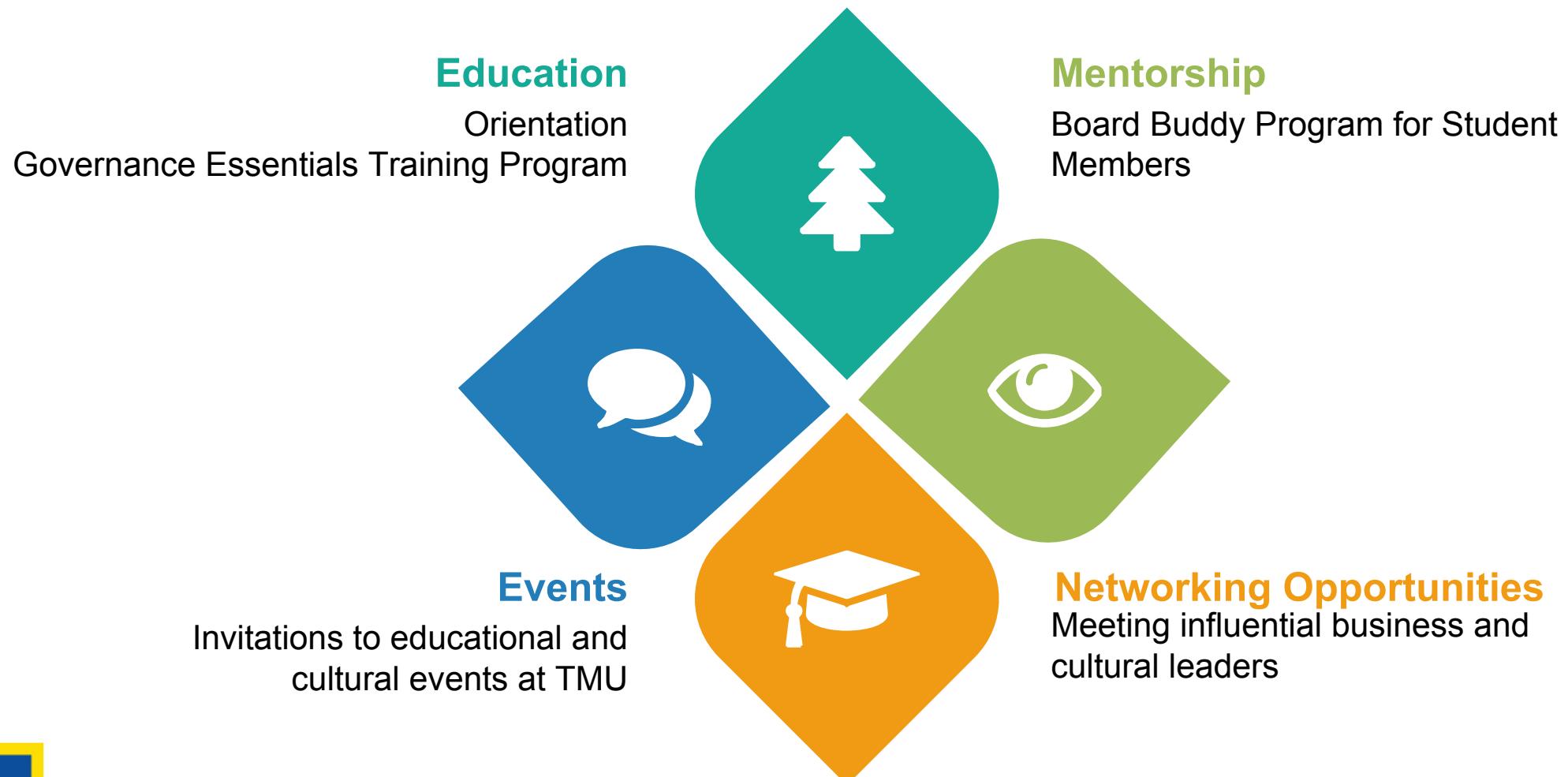
## Board Meetings

- 6 Board meetings a year (October, November, January, March, April, June)
- Board meetings are hybrid and members can attend in person
- President, Provost, and Secretary provide reports at every Board meeting
- Executive Group members present annual reports
- Policy, compliance, and risk reports are presented during the year
- Strategy sessions are held periodically during the year on designated topics

## Committee Meetings

- Committee meetings are held virtually via Zoom
- Committee meetings are held in advance of the Board meeting

# Board Engagement



# Governance Essentials Training Program

The Governance Essentials Training Program provides Board members with an introduction to corporate governance and financial oversight and includes:

- Board Orientation
- Pension Literacy
- Financial Literacy Module 1: Financial Statements
- Sexual Violence Policy
- Research and Innovation
- Introduction to Performance Measurement
- Financial Literacy Module 2: Budgets
- Marketing and Communications
- Advancement
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion



*Board members have the duration of their term to complete the training program. Upon completion, members will receive a certificate*

# Board of Governors Elections 2025

## Upcoming Vacancies:

For the upcoming year, effective September 1, 2025, the following positions will be elected:

- three (3) students
- one (1) staff
- two (2) faculty members
- one (1) alumni

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## Qualifications for each type of position:

- **Student:** must be registered as a student in a program or course of study at TMU that leads to a degree, diploma, or certificate
- **Staff:** must be a full-time career employee, or a term employee who has completed a minimum of 12 months of continuing employment for greater than 24 hours per week, and who is not a member of the teaching faculty
- **Faculty:** must be a full-time tenured or probationary teaching faculty whose principal duties include research and/or teaching functions of the University (not a Limited Term Faculty or CUPE member)
- **Alumni:** must have received one or more degree, diploma, or certificate from Toronto Metropolitan University or any of its predecessor institutions; and not registered as a student in a program or course of study that leads to a degree, diploma, or certificate of TMU

# Critical Dates

<b>Student, Staff and Faculty Members</b>	
February 3, 2025 - February 11, 2025	Nomination Period
February 18, 2025 - March 7, 2025	Campaigning Period
March 4, 2025 - March 7, 2025	Voting Period

<b>Alumni</b>	
February 3, 2025 - February 11, 2025	Nomination Period
February 18, 2025 - June 16, 2025	Campaigning Period
June 2, 2025 - June 16, 2025	Voting Period

# Board of Governors Elections 2025

- The Returning Officer interprets rules during the elections, verifies nomination forms, verifies election results, and responds to complaints.
- Send your questions about eligibility, nomination, campaigning, and voting to [returningofficer@torontomu.ca](mailto:returningofficer@torontomu.ca)

# Board of Governors Elections 2025 - Nomination Process

Nomination forms must be received by the deadline: **February 11, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

- Nomination forms are sent to [returningofficer@torontomu.ca](mailto:returningofficer@torontomu.ca)
- Please ensure to handwrite your signature on the form (no typed signatures)
- Late and incomplete forms will not be accepted

All nominees must be nominated by eligible nominees from the same constituency as they are running for

- e.g. students can nominate a student to run for a student position, but students cannot nominate a staff member to run for a staff position

Campaigning is not permitted until your nomination has been approved by the Election Procedures Committee and the Board Secretariat has emailed official confirmation of your candidacy.

- successful nominees will receive an email confirming their status as candidate.
- Candidates can begin campaigning after they receive this email.

# Board of Governors Elections 2025 - Candidates

- Upon closure of the nomination period, the Returning Officer and Election Procedures Committee verifies nomination forms.
- The Board office issues an email to successful nominees indicating they are now candidates and can begin campaigning.
  - *EXCEPTION: student nominees must attend a mandatory student campaigning session as part of the nominee approval process*
- Candidates will have the opportunity to submit a platform statement which will be posted to the Board of Governors Elections website
  - The Board office will circulate instructions and a Google Form link to candidates to write their platform statement.

# Board of Governors Elections 2025 - Campaigning

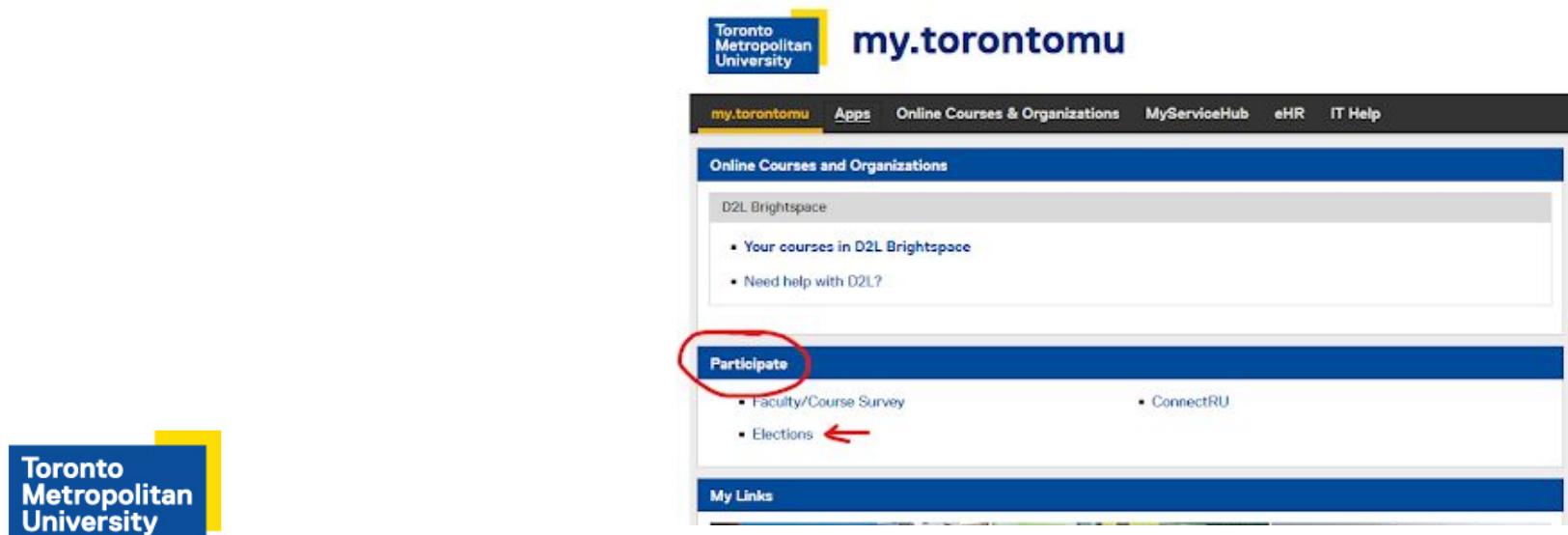
- Visit the Board of Governors Elections website for campaigning rules (within the Elections Policy and Procedure Document)
- Contact the Returning Officer for any questions about campaigning, voting or other matters, at [returningofficer@torontomu.ca](mailto:returningofficer@torontomu.ca)

Some campaigning expectations include:

- Candidates must represent themselves accurately (accomplishments, positions, statements) in any campaign materials
- The use of institutional messaging, social media, listservs, or other communication tools to broadcast a candidate's campaign materials is prohibited.
- Candidates shall not use the Toronto Metropolitan University logo and/or Faculty logos in their campaign materials (cannot imply endorsement from the University).

# Board of Governors Elections 2025 - Voting

- Voting will occur at <http://my.torontomu.ca/> as per the screenshot below
- Once voting concludes, the Elections Procedure Committee will convene to confirm the results of the elections. Results will be announced after the Committee meets.
- For any questions regarding voting, please contact [returningofficer@torontomu.ca](mailto:returningofficer@torontomu.ca)



# Additional Support for Student Candidates

- Funding (\$200) for student candidates is available to defray campaigning costs
- Access to these funds is administered by the Office of the Vice-Provost, Students.
- To qualify, you must be able to produce original receipts which are reviewed by the OVPS before you receive any money.
- For more information on this, please email [gCBS@torontomu.ca](mailto:gCBS@torontomu.ca)
  - *Should you become a student candidate and you want to take advantage of these funds, we strongly encourage you to contact us as soon as possible.*

# Board of Governors Elections 2025: More Information

2025 Board of Governors Election website:

<https://www.torontomu.ca/governors/elections/>

- Nomination Forms
- Candidate Eligibility Criteria
- Election Policy and Procedures
- FAQs
- Platform Statements

# Questions?

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Thank you