

# 2026 Board of Governors Elections

## Information Session

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Toronto  
Metropolitan  
University



# Introduction - Session Guidelines

- 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 presenters
- Following the presentation you will have an opportunity to ask questions
  - Questions may be submitted at any time using the chat function and will be addressed during the question and answer period
  - Participants may also indicate they wish to ask a question during the Q & A period by using the “raise hand” function or by raising their hand
  - The presenters will read questions from the chat or invite participants to ask their questions directly

# 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 session is intended to provide general information about running in the upcoming Board of Governors elections
- This session is hosted by the **Secretary of the Election Procedures Committee**, the **Returning Officer** for Board of Governors elections, and the **Operations Coordinator** from the Office of the General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Governors

# 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

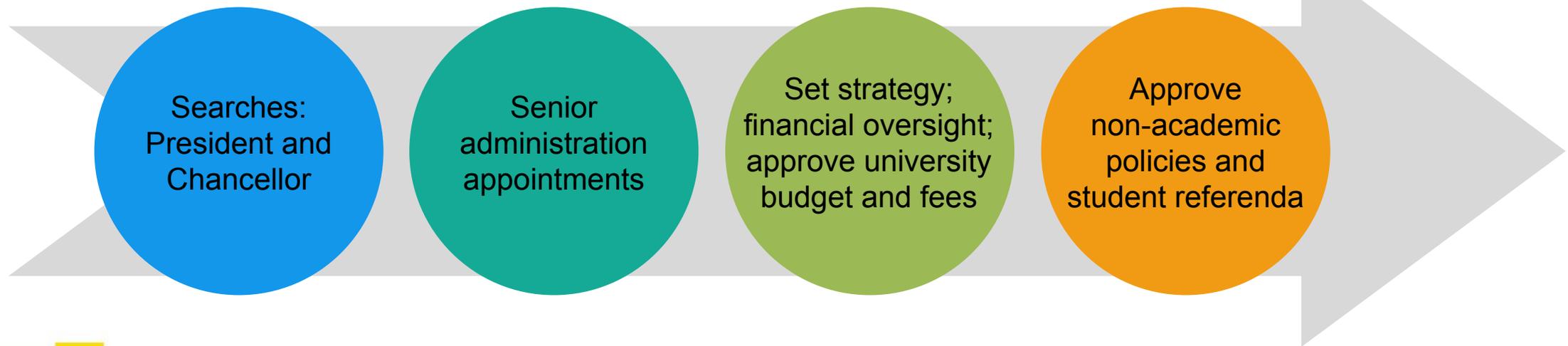
Responsible for determining, communicating and implementing the University's policies related to academic matters including the content and quality of all programs and courses of study, the standards for admission and qualifications for matriculation

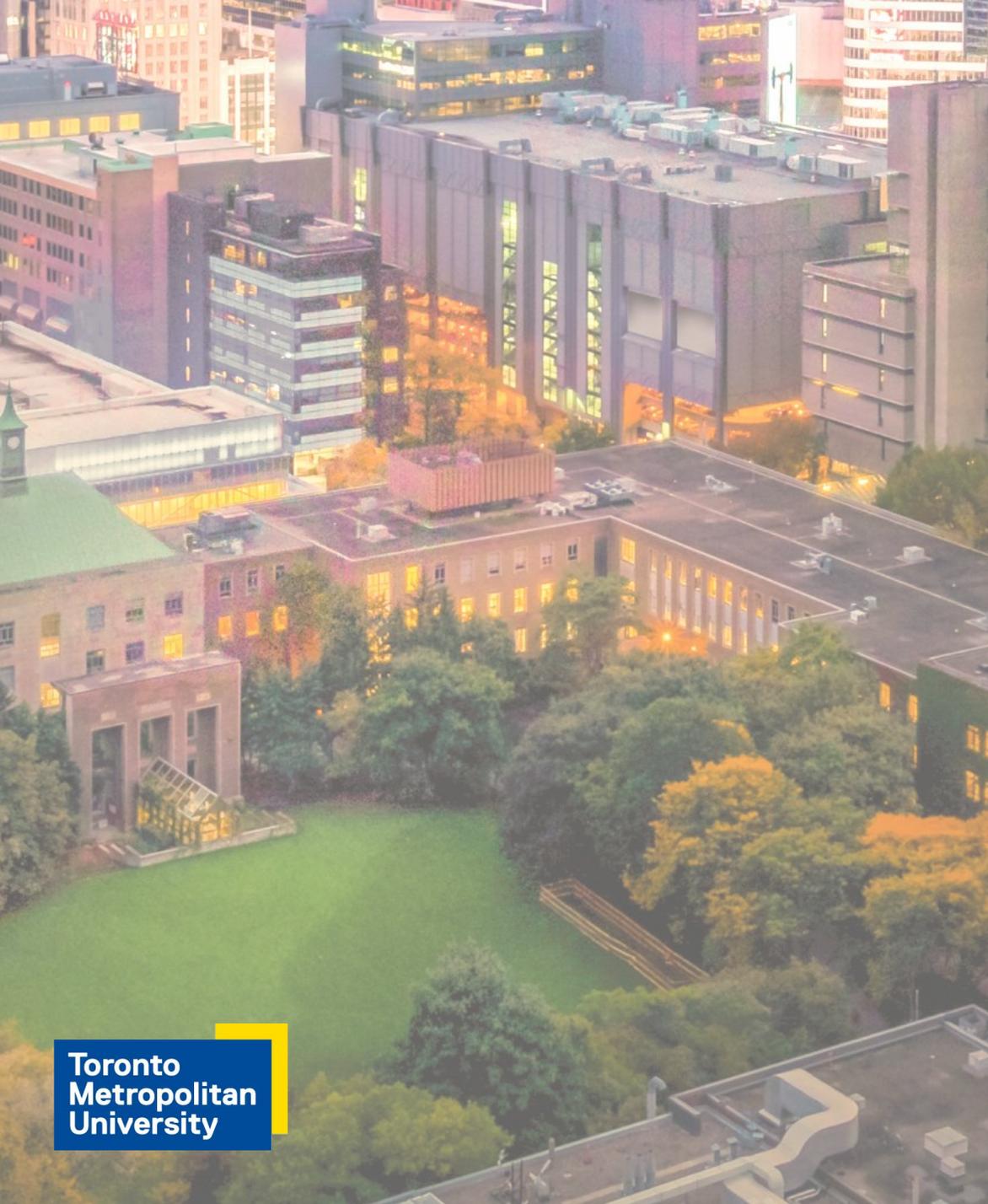
# Role of the Board of Governors

The role of a Board member is set out in the *Toronto Metropolitan University Act*:

## 6(1) Powers of the Board

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,
- one (1) external members appointed by the Board,
- three (3) alumni members,
- three (3) faculty members,
- two (2) staff members,
- three (3) student members, and
- five (5) Honorary Board members

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 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
- The President, Provost, and Secretary provide reports at every Board meeting
- Executive Group members present annual reports
- Policy, compliance, and risk reports are presented throughout the year

## Committee Meetings

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

# 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 Committee

# 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

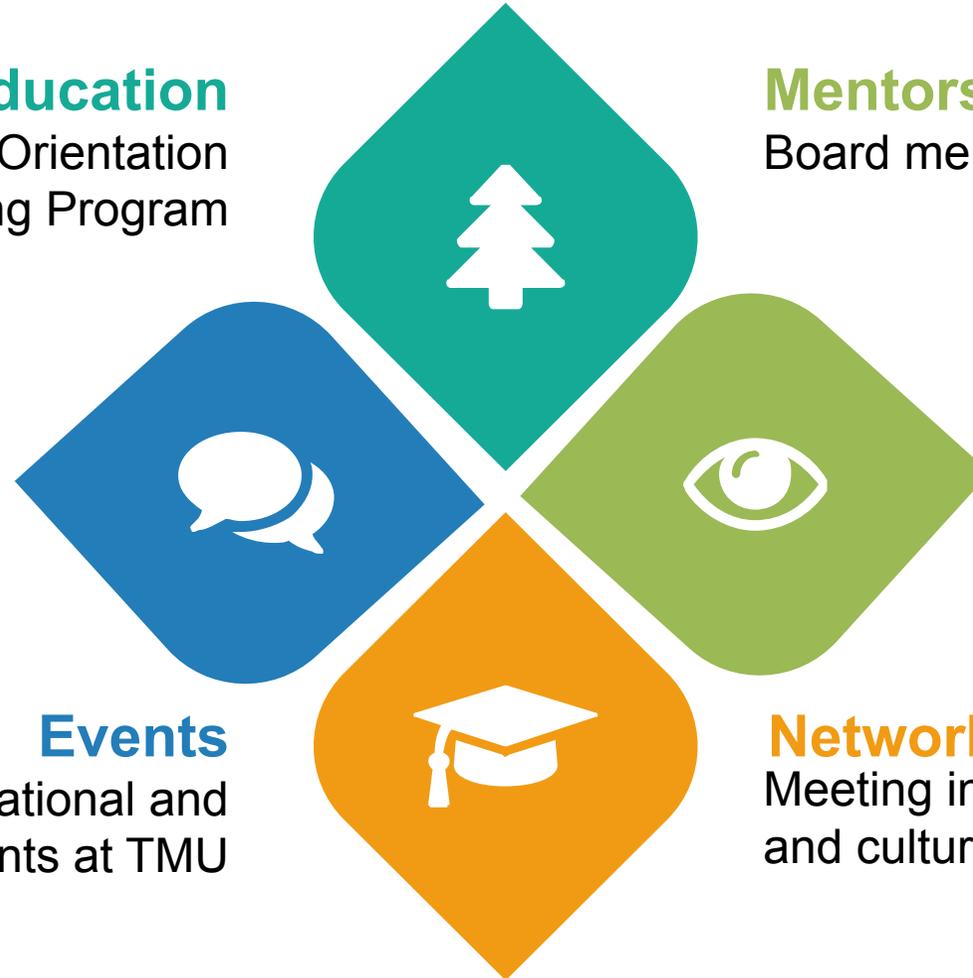


Board members have the duration of their term to complete the training program. Upon completion, members will receive a certificate.

# Board Engagement

**Education**  
Board Orientation  
Governance Essentials Training Program

**Mentorship**  
Board member mentorship



**Events**  
Invitations to educational and  
cultural events at TMU

**Networking Opportunities**  
Meeting influential business  
and cultural leaders

# Returning Officer

- The Returning Officer is responsible for interpreting election rules, verifying nomination forms and election results, and responding to complaints
- If you have questions about eligibility, nominations, campaigning, or voting, please email **[returningofficer@torontomu.ca](mailto:returningofficer@torontomu.ca)**

# Board of Governors Elections 2026

## Upcoming Vacancies:

Elections will be held for the following positions, with terms commencing September 1, 2026:

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

For more information, please review the [Election Policies And Procedures](#)

# Qualifications to Stand for Election

## Position Qualifications:

- **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

**Nominees must be in compliance with University By-Laws, Policies and Procedures**

# Nomination Requirements

## Nominations open on February 2, 2026

- Nomination forms are available on the [Board of Governors website](#)

## Nomination forms must be submitted by February 10, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)

- Forms must be emailed to [returningofficer@torontomu.ca](mailto:returningofficer@torontomu.ca)
- Late or incomplete forms will not be accepted

## Signature requirements

- Handwritten / electronic signatures are accepted (i.e. Adobe); typed signatures are not

## Acknowledgement and Confirmation

- Nominees confirm they have a) read the Election Policy and Procedures and FAQs, b) are in compliance with University policies and procedures, and c) agree to verification of eligibility and other information on the Nomination Form by relevant University offices

## Eligibility and approval

- Candidates must be nominated by eligible nominators from the same constituency
- Approved candidates will be notified; campaigning can only begin once approved

# Candidate Requirements

## **Nomination Verification:**

- The Returning Officer and Board Secretariat Office review all forms after the nomination period ends. Nomination Forms will be sent to the relevant offices for verification. The Election Procedure Committee approves all candidates

## **Notification:**

- Successful nominees will be notified by the Returning Officer via email that they are now candidates and can begin campaigning

## **Student Candidates:**

- Students must attend a mandatory information session as part of the approval process

## **Platform Statements:**

- Candidates can submit a statement to be posted on the Board of Governors Elections website
- Instructions and a Google Form link will be provided

# Campaign Rules and Restrictions

## Campaigning Period

- Candidates may only begin campaigning after receiving approval email
- Campaigning is allowed throughout the voting period

## Fairness & Conduct

- Represent yourself accurately (accomplishments, positions, statements) in all campaign materials
- Act fairly, follow University policies, and do not interfere with or damage others' materials

## Classroom Campaigning

- Allowed with professor permission
- Slates allowed but candidates will be recognized individually

# Additional Support for Student Candidates

- Funding (\$200) for student candidates is available to defray campaigning costs
- Access to these funds is provided 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 or to begin the request process, please email [boardsecretariat@torontomu.ca](mailto:boardsecretariat@torontomu.ca)

# Complaints & Penalties

## Posters & Platform Statements

- Posters allowed on TMU bulletin boards; must not cover/remove existing materials
- Platform statements collected via Google Form and posted on TMU's website
- Do not use TMU or Faculty logos, colors, shapes, or fonts to imply endorsement

## Social Media & University Resources

- Only personal social media pages may be used
- University-managed pages, group chats, listservs, or other institutional tools are prohibited
- No campaigning at University events (e.g., convocation)

## Complaints & Enforcement

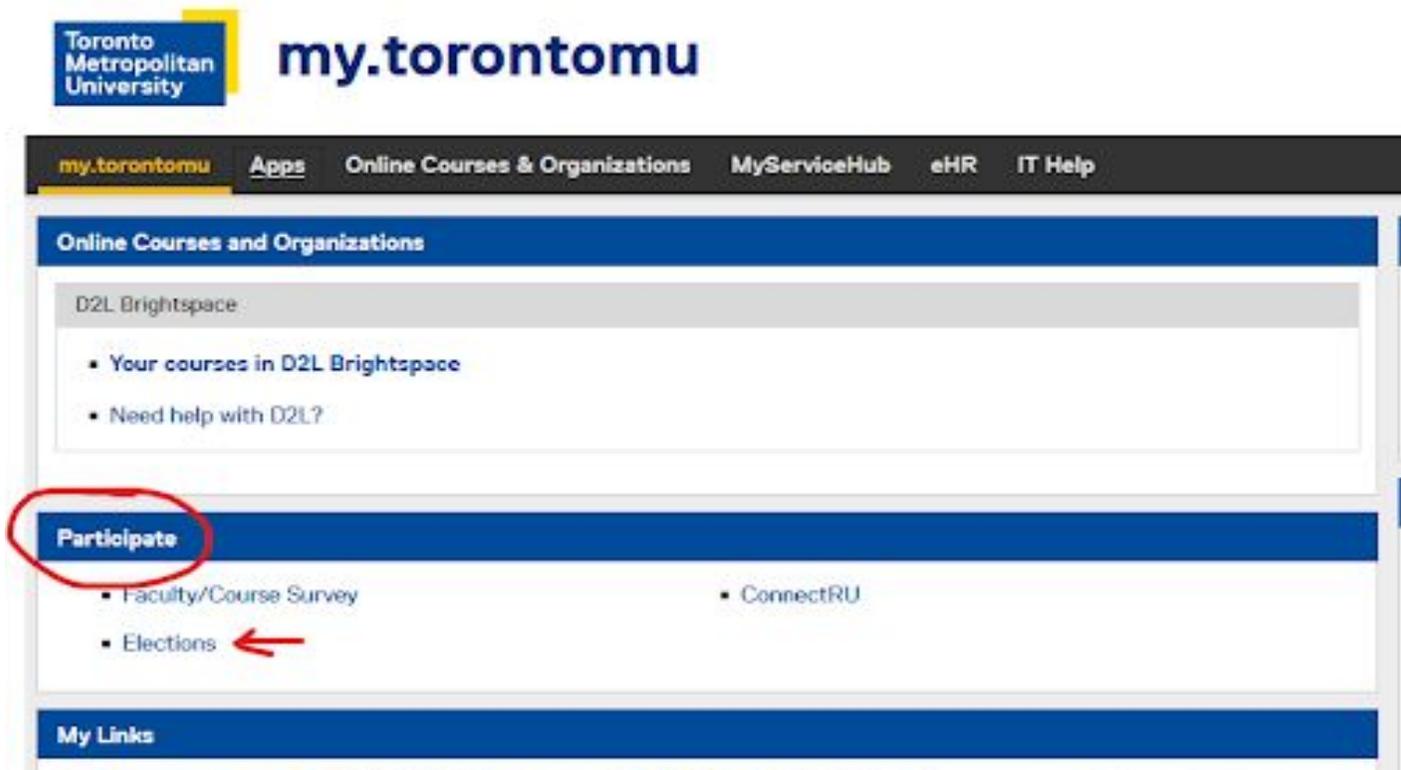
- Complaints must be written and signed; anonymous complaints ignored
- Returning Officer decides violations and penalties case-by-case

## Possible Penalties

- Public corrections or written apologies
- Vote deductions
- Removal from election or invalidation of results; new election may be held
- Additional disciplinary actions under TMU policies

# Board of Governors Elections 2026 - 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)



# Board of Governors Elections 2026 - Voting

## Voting & Event Conduct

- Do not interfere with voting, assist voters, or observe ballots

## Interference with voting process:

- QR codes: May direct voters to [mytorontomu.ca](https://mytorontomu.ca), but you cannot observe voting
- Promotional items: May be distributed, but not in exchange for votes
- Prohibited activities may result in disqualification or penalties

## Guidance

- If you are unsure whether an activity is permitted, contact the Returning Officer at [returningofficer@torontomu.ca](mailto:returningofficer@torontomu.ca)

# Critical Dates

Student, Staff and Faculty Members	
February 2, 2026 - February 10, 2026 (noon)	Nomination Period
February 17, 2026 - March 5, 2026	Campaigning Period
March 2, 2026 - March 5, 2026	Voting Period

Alumni	
February 2, 2026 - February 10, 2026 (noon)	Nomination Period
February 17, 2026 - June 15, 2026	Campaigning Period
June 1, 2026 - June 15, 2026	Voting Period

# Board of Governors Elections 2026: More Information

2026 Board of Governors Election website:

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

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

# Questions?

Thank you