

# SENATE ELECTION 2022-2023 STUDENT CANDIDATE PROFILES

## UNDERGRADUATE FACULTY-SPECIFIC REPRESENTATIVES:

### FACULTY OF ARTS (FoA) – (1 Seat Required)

**LARA LONCAR**  
*Politics and Governance*



Lara Loncar is a second-year Arts student, running as the Senator for the Faculty of Arts with team Levitate. She has been a part of various advocacy groups, primarily involving herself in the special needs community, assisting children with ADS.

Lara has a positive and uplifting attitude and will ensure all students make the most of their remaining time at Ryerson University. She plans to do this by encouraging social connections by providing opportunities to build strong social relationships and enhance the university experience. Her priority is to maintain a safe and welcoming school environment where each student feels a sense of unity and belonging within the circumstances.

**NATHAN SUGUNALAN**  
*Geographic Analysis*



Over the course of my academic career, I realized the need for student educational advocacy after seeing the discrepancies between the skills my program taught, and what employers required.

When I began asking questions to various staff, faculty and alumni, I discovered long overdue administrative responsibilities within my Department and felt compelled to take action and help fellow students in my program. As I became more involved in student leadership to address these issues, such as leading my Course Union, joining my Department Council and Chair Search Committee; I spoke to many other students within the Faculty of Arts, and realized many of these problems were also being experienced by my fellow Arts students. Having had success in addressing my Department's issues such as: providing job-relevant alumni perspectives and mentorship to students via my Course Union, advocating for better administrative policy and course structures on my Department Council, and helping elect a new Department Chair on my Chair Search Committee; I know I have the relevant experience to successfully advocate for similar success for my fellow Arts students!

Follow my [Instagram Campaign](#) to learn more about my platform.

Check out my [LinkedIn](#) to learn more about my credentials!

**FACULTY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (FCS) – (1 Seat)**

**(ACCLAIMED)**

**MAHEER ISLAM**  
*Occupational Health and Safety*

**FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURAL SCIENCE (FEAS) – (1 Seat)**

**(ACCLAIMED)**

**ARAM AZAR**  
*Civil Engineering*

**FACULTY OF SCIENCE (FoS) – (1 Seat Required)**

**SHIRIN KALAVI**  
*Biomedical Sciences*



My name is Shirin Kalavi; I'm a Biomedical Sciences student. The essential academic decisions are in the hands of the senate, which makes it crucial to have a student senator who votes towards the students' interests. I experienced both in-person and virtual education, which helped me understand the challenges we may face as students. Considering that the next year is a full return to the campus, I'll be a reliable representative during the decision-making process. As your representative in the senate, my main goals would be science students' needs and concerns about their academic life. As a student staff and a senior lead in the department of athletics and recreation, I had an excellent opportunity to gain leadership experiences. This position helps me inspire other students to change in a positive way. Also, because of my other roles in the student staff advisory committee and science mentoring program, I have a great understanding of academic policy and how important it is to consider students' mental health and EDI values while making a decision. I would make sure the academic policies and decisions display students' demands. I'd be honored to have your vote.

Please feel free to contact me @Kalavi\_Shirin (ig).

**SHAMEER REHMAN**  
*Computer Science*



My name is Shameer Rehman, and I am a second-year Computer Science student. During my free time, I enjoy going on nature walks, trying new restaurants, and playing soccer.

I am running for the position of Student Senate for the Faculty of Science. When I heard about this opportunity, I knew I would be a perfect fit as I enjoy taking on responsibility and ensuring fair regulations apply to all students regardless of race, gender, or faith. After being online for 2 years, I relate to other students that agree this is a challenging time for everyone whether that is mental, emotional, and/or physical. Accommodation and accessibility during these hard times are critical as many students are stressed and worried coming back and how this affects their health, while policies regarding COVID are greyed out. A lot has changed and is continuing to change; many feel out of the loop and disconnected. I believe in open communication and clarity which is why I know I would be a great person for this position. Everyone deserves a voice, a voice that matters. I want to channel all the ideas of the students and make sure students are healthy and happy.

## TED ROGERS SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (TRSM) - (1 Seat Required)

**SHAHRAM FARHADI**  
*Business Technology Management*



Hello! My name is Shahram and I am currently a 3rd-year Business Technology Management student at the Ted Rogers School of Management. Throughout my 3 years in the TRSM, I have been a part of many initiatives and have helped foster an amazing experience for students. I am currently the Vice-President of Events for the ITMSA helping to bring on new exciting events for students. I am a Program Administrator and Operations Lead for the RAC helping to foster change within students' health and wellbeing. I am also a Community Administrator for TO Thrive helping to bring new and exciting art initiatives to Ryerson.

Along with these experiences, I aim to represent the very Faculty that has provided me with an exceptional undergraduate experience and positively impact the students of TRSM through helping to improve our academic experience including programs, courses, degrees, and more. I aim to make sure the voices of TRSM students are heard and that they have an exceptional academic experience. I believe in Unity and, together, we can do great things.

**VITALIY YUSHVAEV**  
*Accounting and Finance*



Hello! I'm Vitaliy Yushvaev, a 2nd-year Finance student at the Ted Rogers School of Management running as the TRSM representative to the Ryerson Senate 2022-2023.

I always strive to explore new paths and pave my own way. To me, the phrase "you are too young" acts as a catalyst for many new beginnings and opportunities. The past two years at TRSM have been full of firsts for many, and I was no exception. I became one of the most active first-year students at the Ted Rogers School of Management. I didn't want to stop there and was hired as the Project Coordinator and Facilitator within the Bootcamp Team at the Business Career Hub, becoming the first-ever first-year student to do so. In the same year, I secured 2 Vice President of Events positions in TRSM student groups.

As someone heavily involved in TRSM and known by many through our interactions in the classrooms, Bootcamps, and extra-curricular activities, I will be your trusted voice in the Ryerson Senate, one that wouldn't hesitate to express opinions that challenge the status quo and always keep the best interests of the TRSM student body in mind.

You can read about my experiences in more depth on LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/vitaliyyushvaev/>.

## THE CREATIVE SCHOOL - (1 Seat Required)

**JENNY KIM**  
*RTA – Media Production*



Hello! My name is Jenny Kim and I am a second-year student in RTA Media Production. I will strive to make sure every student at the university and within the Creative School feel like they are being accurately represented and heard within the Senate. I especially want to highlight the voices of those in marginalized communities.

If successful as a senator, my goal would be to ensure that the academic policies and mental health resources at the school are accessible and are actually benefiting the students.

A bit about me is that I am a big music fan and I love otters. I hope to work in live event productions and entertainment. I am an active member of multiple student groups across the university at the Creative School as well as other Faculties.

Please feel free to ask me any question or learn more about my campaign on my Instagram account (@jennykim\_senate).

**ANDREW SMITH**  
*Creative Industries*



My name is Andrew (he/him) and I am in my third year of the Creative Industries program. I currently serve on the Senate as The Creative School's student representative and I hope to be re-elected for another term. I want to continue bringing the student perspective when discussing and voting on policy. I am passionate about policy and throughout my experience have gained an understanding of how it is written, interpreted, and enforced. My interest in policy is what brought me to this role and even inspired me to join the Academic Integrity Council (AIC). The AIC enforces the Academic Integrity Policy (Policy 60).

At the start of the academic year, I became the VP of Communications for the Jack.org school chapter which promotes mental health awareness around campus and hosts events throughout the semester. Outside of the academic environment, I work at the student residence HOEM on Jarvis as a Service Desk Agent and in my free time, I enjoy playing the piano, watching Survivor, and going for walks along the Harbourfront.

I like to be accessible to the student body so if you have any questions, you can always send me an email at [andrew.d.smith@ryerson.ca](mailto:andrew.d.smith@ryerson.ca).

## UNDERGRADUATE AT-LARGE REPRESENTATIVES- (2 Seats Required)

### **MAIMUNA ISLAM**

***Faculty of Community Services (Occupational Health & Safety)***



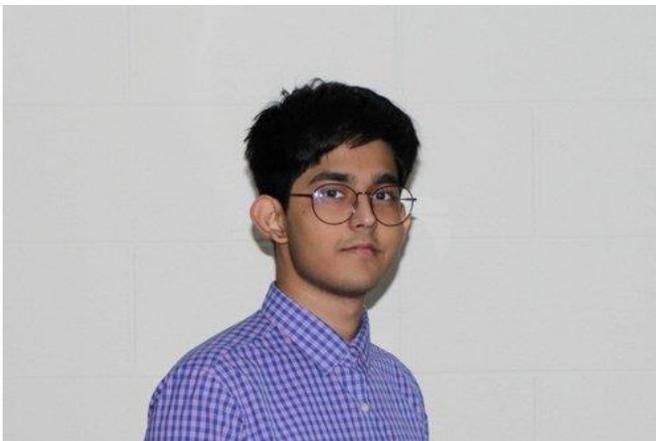
Hello everyone! My name is Maimuna and I am currently in the Occupational Health and Safety program at Ryerson University. I am running for the Senate At-Large position.

A few years back when I was trying to choose my university program (we all know the struggle), my main criterion was that I wanted to help people, which is why I chose health and safety. Many of us will be experiencing in-person learning for the first time, and with transitioning, comes ups and downs.

By running for the Senate At-Large position, I want to help facilitate easy learning for students so that we all have a memorable time at Ryerson University. In order to do so, here are some of the campaign points I would like to advocate for should I be a successful candidate: Bring back the credit system (CDR/NCRD) to ease the academic pressure felt by students due to in-person transitioning, option for students to use empty lecture rooms to study for exams using a sign-up process, and improve student laboratory experience by incorporating modernized equipment that are convenient, efficient, and facilitate easy understanding of health hazards/concerns present at Ryerson.

### **SRIJAN SAHU**

***Faculty of Arts  
(International Economics & Finance)***



Hello fellow Ryerson students! My name is Srijan Sahu, and I am running for an At-Large Senate position.

I am currently finishing up my third year in the International Economics & Finance program. I also serve as the VP of affairs for my program's course union as well as a committee member for the Faculty of Arts Special Projects Grant. These commitments have given me the opportunity to work with many clubs on campus and organizations involved in academia from various disciplines; and have given me insight into students' needs and expectations. I can't promise radical changes but if elected I can ensure that your interests are fairly represented in the Senate.

Being a transfer student myself, I am aware that Ryerson prioritizes experiential learning and skills that easily transfer to the workplace. However, its unique curriculum offering makes it increasingly difficult for students applying to graduate school and those that wish to obtain transfer credits. I want to work towards conforming Ryerson's program requirements with other Universities whilst still maintaining its distinctiveness. This is one of my goals for the role and a seat on the Senate will allow me to express this concern to the administration by voting in favor of curriculum changes.

For more information regarding my platform, click on the following link: [https://www.instagram.com/srijansahu\\_senate/](https://www.instagram.com/srijansahu_senate/)

**MOBEEN SHAH**  
*Faculty of Engineering & Architectural  
Science  
(Civil Engineering)*

Profile was not submitted.

**YEATES SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES - (2 Seats)**

**(ACCLAIMED)**

**MUGHANUM BUTT**  
*(MBA)*

**(ACCLAIMED)**

**ARSHIA MUKHERJEE**  
*(MBA)*

**LINCOLN ALEXANDER SCHOOL OF LAW - (1 Seat)**

**(ACCLAIMED)**

**FATIMA SHEIKH**  
*(School of Law)*