



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF RETURNING OFFICER

Carleton University Students' Association General Elections 2026

2026 General Election - Official List of Candidates

The individuals listed below are verified by the Chief Returning Officer to have met the requirements for candidacy, as set out in the Electoral Code, and are declared as official candidates for election to the respective position in the 2026 CUSA General Election.

Candidates were declared as official upon verification by the CRO that they had:

1. Submitted a completed nomination form prior to the close of the nomination period;
2. Submitted at least the minimum number of nominations required for the position and had those nominations successfully verified as eligible voters;
3. Attended the all-candidates meeting, or approved alternative, to receive important election information and had the opportunity to review all relevant election policies and ask questions of the CRO; and
4. Signed the Candidate Code of Conduct.

Official Presidential Candidates (1 position)

Singh, Aryan
Heroux, Maxwell





Official Councillor Candidates (by Constituency)

Arts and Social Science (7 seats)	Engineering and Design (8 seats)	Public Affairs (6 seats)
Jade Proulx	Eamon Lekovic	Caleb Raymond
	Adrianna King	Sai Aditri Janapatla
	Rushelle Verma	Lynn-Nancy Okafor
	Ngan Cao	Ryan De Villeres
		Aleksandar Krneta
		Kaylie Precepa
		Hanna Abdalla
		Andrew Hiep Dinh
		Jozeef Vijayarathnam
		Maya Briggs

Science (7 seats)	Sprott School of Business (3 seats)	Special Student (1 seat)
Shaan Pandya	Nolan Giroux-Laplante	None

Summary of Nomination Outcomes

The following individuals submitted nomination forms as prospective candidates in the 2026 CUSA General Election, but were not verified by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) as having met the eligibility requirements for candidacy as prescribed by the CUSA Electoral Code. Accordingly, their candidacies have been declared ineligible.

For clarity, the CRO's verification process relied exclusively on confirmations received from the Office of the Registrar and the Student Code of Conduct Office, as required under the Electoral Code. Only nominations and eligibility information validated through these offices were considered.

In accordance with the Electoral Code, the CRO does not have discretion to waive these requirements or re-open nominations to gather more nominations once the applicable deadlines have passed which is why



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candidates were encouraged to gather more than 20 and less than 40 nominations for councillor positions and more than 100 and less than 200 nominations for Presidential position.

- Yaser Abidakadr (a prospective presidential candidate) was deemed to have withdrawn from the presidential race after the nomination deadline.
 - Following the close of nominations, Yaser communicated an intention to switch to a faculty-level candidacy, rather than continue pursuing the presidential position.
 - The Electoral Code requires candidates to declare and commit to a single position prior to the close of nominations.
 - The Office of the CRO provided multiple opportunities and reminders for Yaser to confirm the position he intended to run for before the deadline.
 - Confirmation to not remain in the presidential race was received; accordingly, the CRO treated the presidential nomination as withdrawn by conduct, consistent with the administration of the nomination process.
- Ibrahim Saban, Erin Harlan, and Sienna Scullion were declared ineligible following nomination verification conducted with the Office of the Registrar.
 - Their submitted nominations were either not verified by the Registrar or were not from students enrolled in the faculty corresponding to the position they sought.
 - As a result, the minimum eligibility requirements for candidacy were not met, and the CRO had no discretion to certify their nominations.

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