

My name is Tauqeer Iftikhar, and I am a first-year medical student at the University of Saskatchewan (class of 2027!). The decision to run for the role of Western Regional Director stems from my passion of being involved with student governance and creating a platform for which others can have their voice heard. I believe my past leadership and advocacy experiences make me an ideal candidate for this position.

My journey in student governance began when I took on the role of Vice-President Academic of the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU). I represented student needs during the COVID-19 pandemic, emphasizing collaboration and effective communication. During my first year of medical school, I actively participated in national, provincial, and medical days of action, demonstrating a proactive approach to advocacy. Furthermore, my passion for integrating AI research into medical education reflects my dedication to innovation, aiming to enhance how we learn and practice medicine.

If elected as Western Regional Director, I will leverage my experience to enhance communication and collaboration across Western medical schools, ensuring our unique challenges and perspectives are addressed in CFMS. I'm dedicated to attending med school society meetings to forge stronger connections between CFMS and Western medical societies. Additionally, my focus on wellness will be utilized in improving mental health and resilience programs.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for this role. Thank you.