## **Bio**

Hello everyone! My name is Meera Chopra (she/her) and I am a medical student at the University of Toronto.

I am a huge believer in the transformative power of community in shaping who we are and who we will become. It was the strong members of my community that deeply impacted me – and coming to medical school, my goal is to build inclusive and supportive communities.

Student engagement and personal development are crucial to foster thriving communities. As the CFMS's monthly newsletter co-editor, I shared professional and personal development opportunities with over 6,000 medical students across Canada. To increase our readership, I implemented changes to our formatting and promotional strategies. This experience honed my skills in student outreach, which is crucial to advocate for and implement wellness initiatives that address the diverse needs of our student body.

Another area that I am dedicated towards is inclusivity and wellbeing within education. For the past two years, I co-led U of T's Queer, Trans, and Allied in Medicine club, and prior, I served as the Training & Development Coordinator of McMaster's Pride Community Centre. My role involved organizing mixers for 2SLGBTQ+ students, faculty, and allies, fostering inclusive communities and life-long friendships! A highlight of this year was collaborating with faculty to update our curriculum for gender diversity, and create resources for nation-wide use.

I would be beyond excited to apply the skills I developed from these experiences in student engagement and EDID advocacy to be your next Director of Student Affairs.