

Hey everyone! I'm Ragav Chona (he/him), a second-year medical student at the University of Toronto and current Vice President of External Affairs. I am honoured to run for one of your CFMS Ontario Regional Directors (ORD).

With extensive leadership and advocacy experience, I have actively represented over 1,100 peers on both the CFMS Board and OMSA Council, collaborating directly with VP Externals, MedSoc Presidents, and student leaders across Ontario. My role has allowed me to understand the nuances of provincial and national student advocacy, as well as identify areas needing improvement.

Previously, I co-founded non-profit organizations like Passionate Minds Canada and the Goodwill Initiative, leading community-driven projects that delivered educational resources and essential supplies to underserved groups. Currently, I serve as Co-Director of the Queer, Trans, and Allied in Medicine Group, advocating for 2SLGBTQ+ medical students, organizing inclusive networking events, and advancing equity and representation.

Academically, my research at the intersection of public health, primary care equity, and medical education informs my advocacy, helping me address critical student issues effectively. My bilingual capabilities in French and English further enable me to communicate and advocate inclusively across diverse Ontario medical schools.

My platform is designed around clear communication, equitable conference funding, impactful orientation experiences, and fostering community through initiatives like the Ontario Games. With proven organizational and collaborative skills, I am ready to build an empowered, connected, and responsive CFMS Ontario medical student community.

Together, let's create meaningful change and ensure every student feels represented, supported, and informed.