GSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE (GSA NoC)
GSA AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE (GSA ASC) (5 POSITIONS): 3 NOMINEES

These positions were advertised in the September 1, 2017 GSA newsletter with a nomination deadline of September 7, 2017. Two (2) nominations were received. A call for additional nominations was circulated to GSA Council with a nomination deadline of September 13, 2017. One (1) additional nomination was received.

The GSA ASC is “responsible for selecting the recipients of the GSA Council-approved GSA Recognition Awards and the Alberta Graduate Citizenship Award” (GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Awards Selection Committee, Section O.POL.5.1).

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There will be a paper ballot vote held at the September 18, 2017 GSA Council meeting.

If you and your alternate are unable to attend the September 18, 2017, meeting of GSA Council and would like to cast an electronic vote for this position, you must contact the GSA Nominating Committee Coordinator (gsa.nomcomm@ualberta.ca) BEFORE 3:00 PM on Monday September 18, 2017, in order to cast your vote in advance of the GSA Council meeting.

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Nominees for this position are listed in alphabetical order by last name and will be presented in reverse alphabetical order on the ballot. ‘None of the Candidates’ will also be considered a nominee.

1. Hayden Danyluk (Surgery)
2. Camila Lemos Pinto (AFNS)
3. Andrews Tawiah (Rehabilitation Science)

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Jurisdiction:

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section O: GSA Recognition Awards, GSA Policy, GSA Standing Committees, GSA Awards Selection Committee, Section O.POL.3.3
“A minimum of eight (8) and up to twelve (12) graduate student members-elected by GSA Council as voting members. The GSA ASC Chair, in consultation with the GSA ASC Vice-Chair and the Chair of the GSA Nominating Committee, can decide to increase the number of graduate student members on the GSA ASC.”

GSA Bylaw and Policy, Section E: Nominating, GSA Policy, Nominating, Section E.POL.6.6
“The GSA NoC will provide GSA Council with nominations to fill vacancies on the GSA Board, all GSA Standing Committees, Speaker, Chief Returning Officer, and Senator. Additional nominations may be made by Councillors, in writing, in advance of the GSA Council meeting where elections will take place.”

The names and biographies received for the three (3) nominees are BELOW on pages 7.7 - 7.12. The biographies and brief resumes are presented as received (ie not edited).
### Nominations for GSA ASC (At Least 5 Vacancies)
#### Three (3) Nominees

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**Statement of Interest**

My passion for serving the student body first ignited during my Undergraduate studies, when I was elected Vice President-External Relations of the club SciCon. Now a 2nd year graduate student, I feel that I have accumulated enough experience, becoming familiar with the nuances of the University of Alberta, to make a meaningful contribution to your Committee. A former Junior hockey player and varsity athlete, I am able to form and cultivate working relationships quickly, and have refined my leadership skillset through activities like officiating and coaching. A MSc student and lead on two on-going clinical investigations, I have been exposed to many UAH/U of A policies and regulations, gaining a familiarity which would be an asset to your Committee.

I am extremely passionate about people and academics, and would be ecstatic should I be selected to serve the student body as a member of the GSA Awards Selection Committee. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to apply for such a position.

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**Bio**

I was born in Edmonton, but spent the majority of my life living in the farming community of Ladner (just outside Vancouver). Growing up, my passion was hockey; I excelled as a provincial and junior level player, eventually becoming a member of Simon Fraser University’s Men’s hockey team. Since grade 8, I have spent my summers working full-time, in a variety of farming, construction, and trades jobs. I obtained a BSc in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry from Simon Fraser University (April 2015), while living on my own and being financially independent. Early in my Undergraduate career, I began engaging in volunteerism, holding a variety of positions in local hospitals and youth centres. This has continued to constitute a major part of life outside of academia and athletics, as I currently volunteer at the Stollery Children’s hospital, Neurosurgery Kid’s Fund, and coach youth AAA hockey. During my BSc, I gained my first research experience working full/part-time as a research assistant in a carbohydrate chemistry laboratory. In August 2015, I moved back to Edmonton, and following a one year hiatus from being a student (working as a flooring installer), I began my MSc of Experimental Surgery in the Department of Surgery. In this program, I have worked closely with my supervisor, attending Neurosurgeon Dr. Tejas Sankar, to identify and investigate
neuroimaging-based biomarkers as indicators of neurosurgical success.

### Summary Resume

I am currently a 2nd year MSc student under the supervision of Dr. Tejas Sankar in the Experimental Surgery program – clinical stream, Department of Surgery, studying neuroimaging-based biomarkers as prognostic indicators of neurosurgical interventions for chronic pain. I am responsible for driving two clinical investigations -- one longitudinal, and one retrospective -- both central to my MSc thesis. Previously, I worked as a research assistant, most recently for Dr. Sankar prior to the commencement of my MSc, and during my BSc under the supervision of Dr. David Vocadlo. Since beginning my MSc at the U of A, I have won multiple awards (QEII, 75th Anniversary, Green and Gold Professional Development Award, Department of Surgery Travel Award), and currently hold a CIHR CGS-M, Walter H. Johns Graduate Fellowship, and QEII Graduate Studentship. Currently, I am a volunteer at the Stollery Children’s hospital in the Cardiac/GI (4C/4C3) and 4E3 pediatric oncology units, building on previous youth leadership and hospital volunteer experience with the Boys and Girls Club and Royal Columbian Hospital. A former university/junior level hockey player and award-winning hockey referee, I was exposed to the many benefits of team sport, and thus, have developed a passion to coach and mentor youth. This hockey season, I will be coaching South Side Athletic Club’s Midget AAA hockey team, as a continuation of the Bantam AA assistant coach position held last season, and my previous experience as Boys and Girls Club youth activity leader. Finally, in the fourth year of my undergraduate degree, I was elected Vice President – External Relations of the club SciCon. In this position, a passion to serve the student body was first realized and cultivated. Now a MSc student, I am eager to transition my skillset, and serve as a member of GSA Awards Selection Committee.

Despite my academic and extracurricular commitments, I am confident that I will be able to meet time requirements of the GSA Awards Selection Committee. I believe I am a strong candidate, with a wide array of life and academic experience, and would make a meaningful contribution to your Committee.
2. Camila Lemos Pinto

Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta) | None
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Statement of Interest

Hopefully, all my experiences/background (described below) will benefit this committee. As you can see, during my career I already applied for several awards and also judged lots of competitions, which gave me an idea of what to value and a better sense of fairness. Participating in this committee will not only build on my experience, but I hope to contribute on the process of selecting the best candidates for the awards.

Bio

I was born and raised in Brazil. I am fluent in both Portuguese and English. I completed my BSc in Nutrition at the Pontifical Catholic University of Goias (Brazil) as well as my internship, which gave me my license as a Registered Dietitian (Brazil). I also have a postgraduation degree (Specialization) in Nutrition Applied to Physical Exercise (Sao Paulo University) and MSc in Nutrition and Health at the Federal University of Goias. I have always embraced every situation as a unique opportunity for my professional development and growth. At a young age, I have played the piano, performed at recitals twice a year for five years and won an honorable mention in a national competition. I was also the captain of a successful varsity basketball team for five years. As a partner in my family’s business, I learned business and financial administration and paid for my undergraduate studies. From an early age, my entrepreneurial endeavors have included: investing in cattle purchasing, selling soft drinks at annual events and working as a tutor. My desire to study abroad led me to take several English language classes. I received three different English certificates. After completing all these courses, I was invited to be an English teacher at a prestigious school, where I taught English for one year prior to moving to Canada. During my BSc, I volunteered as a teaching assistant for the Biochemistry course. Noticing students’ challenges understanding the material, I created a biochemistry and nutrition blog presenting the content in an interesting and creative way. During my BSc, I was elected as the treasurer of her prom committee. I also volunteered at a company translating research findings into press release summaries for knowledge users (dietitians) and organizing several events for nutritionists and dietitians.

During my graduate degree, I worked as a teaching assistant in two different courses and supervised dietetic interns during their Clinical Nutrition rotation. Furthermore, I co-supervised two undergraduate students working on their Honor’s theses and published this work. I organized a short-term course entitled, “Scientific Writing: A Short Overview” to all university students.

I also served as a research assistant on two MSc projects at the Clinical and Sports...
Nutrition Research Laboratory at the Federal University of Goias, and continue to participate in two other projects in this laboratory. In conducting my MSc research project, I coordinated all undergraduate students and a junior MSc student. Beyond academia, I was an intern at the regional cancer hospital of our province, as well as a guest speaker at the local Maternal and Children’s Hospital. In addition, I distributed food to the needy twice a month. I also worked at a not-for-profit government shelter for children. As a dietitian at the shelter, I was responsible for improving their nutritional status, but also established a self-sustained garden and acquired infrastructure funding and meal donations; all initiatives that had a profound impact on the children’s lives.

**Summary Resume**

I am now a second-year PhD candidate in Nutrition and Metabolism under Dr. Carla Prado's supervision in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Sciences. Since I started my PhD, I volunteered as a teaching assistant for the NUTR 440 class and was the official marker (Winter 2016), as well as official teaching assistant for the Winter term in 2017 (NUTR 440), marker for NUTR 100 (Fall 2016) and teaching assistant for NUTR 466 starting now (Fall 2017). I co-supervised 2 undergraduate students during their Research Experience in Human Nutrition course (2016-2017). I won 5 awards (University of Alberta Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship, Honorable Mention – Poster Presentation, Graduate Student Rising Star Award, 2017 Alberta Diabetes Institute Studentship and The Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism Award for Nutrition Translation). I have 4 articles published and 2 in preparation, 2 book chapters, 1 guideline chapter and 5 presentations in conferences. I was a volunteer judge for several competitions here at the University of Alberta (Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities & Undergraduate Research Symposium, Edmonton Regional Science Fair, Travel Award Application for the Postdoctoral Fellows Association, NUTR 401 Annual Poster Symposium) and for the Canadian Obesity Summit 2017 (8 oral presentations), I was a mentor for 3 new graduate students in 2016/Fall, I was a volunteer for the triathlon competition last year (aid station), volunteered for the Edmonton Humane Society and for the Students Offering Support organization as a registration administrator. Moreover, I served as a Graduate Students Association Council Representative from 2016 to 2017. Hopefully, my background will contribute to this committee. My schedule is flexible and I hope I will be able to accommodate my activities to serve on this committee.
3. Andrews Tawiah

| Other governance bodies you currently serve on (whether GSA or UAlberta) | GSA-Councillor at large, General Faculties Council (GFC), GFC Committee on the Learning Environment |

**Statement of Interest**

Having served as a 'trainee grant reviewer' for the Canadian Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Research Network, I believe I have the required skills and experience in both critically and scientifically reviewing award proposals, background experience and in making an informed decision on a candidate. These skills and experience will be vital to work of this committee. I also strive to be fair, objective and impartial in all my dealings. I hope you find me as an ideal candidate.

**Bio**

I am an international student from Ghana, I completed my BSc Physiotherapy (2010) at the University of Ghana during which time I served as a member of the executive committee for the Physiotherapy Students’ Association. I worked as a physiotherapist for 4 years and won the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship to pursue my master’s degree at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom (2014-2015). During this time, I served as a student liaison officer on the Faculty of Health Sciences Academic Review Committee. I echoed student’s voice on the committee and most especially the plight of international students.

I returned to Ghana and worked as a senior physiotherapist for 1 year and served as a local community mentor for the youth. I then moved to Edmonton to begin my PhD in January 2017 under the supervision of Dr. Linda Woodhouse.

I have been awarded best speaker for the plenary session at the EdmontonWHO simulation conference. Back in Ghana, I volunteered for Cure Clubfoot Ghana, managing babies with clubfoot and counselling parents from under privileged society.

**Summary Resume**

I have 5 years’ experience in conducting original research using both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies including surveys, semi-structured interviews and focus groups. I have also conducted 3 literature reviews including a scoping review during which I did during my master’s program at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom. As a researcher, I have two publications in peer reviewed journals.

During my clinical practice, I helped in establishing a clinical pathway for patients with knee osteoarthritis who could not afford knee arthroplasty in Ghana. I have experience
delivering variety of presentations and seminars involving office ergonomics and workplace redesign. I established a team of healthcare professionals who created public awareness on non-communicable diseases. Over the summer, I worked as a research intern with the Alberta PROMs and EQ-5D Research and Support Unit (APERSU) at the School of Public of Health and undertook analysis and write-up of a population health survey. Currently, I serve as a research assistant in the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine and worked with the Rehabilitation Research Centre. I served as a trainee on the Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Research Network’s Pilot Grant Selection Committee. My research interests are in developing a Framework for Advanced Physiotherapy Practice. This project is in conjunction with the World Confederation for Physical Therapy and Canadian Physiotherapy Association. I currently write for physiopedia-physiospot on Strengthening Rehabilitation in Developing Countries.