

CENTRAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

University of Michigan, Fall 2021

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I. Introduction

Thank you for your interest in this semester's Central Student Government elections. As the Elections team, it is our job to ensure that the election runs smoothly and that you are well informed about the Elections Code. If you have questions or concerns anytime during the election season, please do not hesitate to contact us.

This application packet contains information you will need to participate in this semester's elections, and includes:

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You are encouraged to review the Elections Calendar. **The optional Candidates Meeting will take place on November 1, 2021 via Zoom (<https://umich.zoom.us/j/93170697574>) at 8:00 PM. To register as a candidate, and therefore have your name appear on the ballot, you must email a completed version of the application in Section VI of this packet as an attachment to electiondirector@umich.edu by October 31, 2021 at 5:00 PM.**

Candidacy applications may also be submitted at the CSG Office in the Michigan Union (Room 3011).

Best of luck at the polls!

CSG Elections Director and Deputy Elections Director

electiondirector@umich.edu

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II. List of Open Positions

A. CSG Assembly seats:

- College of Engineering, one (1) seat
- School of Information, one (1) seat
- School of Kinesiology, one (1) seat
- College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, one (1) seat
- School of Music, Theatre & Dance, one (1) seat
- School of Nursing, one (1) seat
- School of Pharmacy, one (1) seat
- Rackham School of Graduate Studies, five (5) seats
- Ross School of Business, three (3) seats
- School of Social Work, one (1) seat

Note: Any student enrolled or actively working toward a degree in one of these units is eligible to run for an Assembly seat representing that unit.

As a Representative in the CSG Assembly, you are expected to act on behalf of the students in your school/college in bringing business and voting as a member of the legislative body. You are expected to attend full Assembly meetings each Tuesday at 7:30 PM as well as one of its legislative committee meetings each week.

B. University of Michigan Police Department Oversight Committee:

- Campus-wide, one (1) seat

The UMPD Oversight Committee is responsible for investigating grievances against UMPD officers and Act 330 officers employed by the University. This position is one of six voting members of the Committee. Please see <https://hr.umich.edu/working-u-m/workplace-improvement/police-department-oversight-committee> for more information.

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III. Elections Calendar

- **October 8, 2021 - Candidacy Application Available**
 - Candidacy applications will be made available in the CSG Office and the CSG website.

- **October 31, 2021 5:00 PM- Application Deadline**
 - Preferred submission to electiondirector@umich.edu. Applications dropped off in the CSG Office may not be processed until the following day.

- **November 1, 2021 8:00 PM- Optional Candidates Meeting**
 - This meeting is optional.
 - Candidates Meeting will take place at 8:00 PM via Zoom (<https://umich.zoom.us/j/93170697574>)

- **November 8, 2021 11:59 PM- Last Day to Withdraw Candidacy**
 - Any candidate may withdraw from an election by submitting a written request to the Elections Director. Withdrawal prior to 8 days before the election will result in removal from the ballot. Withdrawal thereafter does not guarantee removal but will result in the candidate being ineligible to win the election from which they withdrew.

- **By November 8, 2021 - Sample Ballot Released on vote.umich.edu; Platform statements open for edits**
 - No later than 8 days before the start of voting, the Elections Director will post an official sample ballot on the voting website and in the CSG Offices. The sample ballot will be open to edits to candidate platforms until 1 day before the start of voting.

- **November 15, 2021 11:59 PM - Deadline to edit platforms on vote.umich.edu**

- **November 15, 2021 11:59 PM - Campaign Donation and Expenditure Forms Due**
 - Campaign finance forms and appropriate supplemental documentation must be submitted before the start of voting. Further expenditures must not be made after the submission.
 - Candidates who do not spend any money on their campaign do not need to submit a form.
 - Completed forms will be made publicly available through the CSG website by the Elections Director within 24 hours of the submission deadline.

- **November 17, 2021 12:00 AM - Polls Open**
- **November 18, 2021 11:59 PM - Polls close; All election complaints (other than those from the Independent Special Prosecutor) are due**
- **November 19, 2021 - Unofficial Results released (Official Results certified upon conclusion of any elections complaints)**

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IV. ITS Acceptable Use Policies

All candidates are expected to follow the Information and Technology Services acceptable use policies. These policies are available at:

- <https://spg.umich.edu/policy/601.07>
- <https://its.umich.edu/enterprise/wifi-networks/network-responsible-use-agreement>

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V. Information on the *Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities*

All candidates are expected to adhere to the University's behavioral code of conduct, known as the *Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities*. This policy is available at <https://oscr.umich.edu/statement>.

Hazing is a violation of the *Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities* and is also illegal under Michigan State Law. For definitions of hazing or to report suspected acts of hazing, visit <https://deanofstudents.umich.edu/article/hazing-policies>.

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VI. Individual Candidacy Application

Contact Information

Full Name (as it will appear on the ballot): _____

UMID Number: _____

Local Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

UM Email Address: _____@umich.edu

Candidacy Information

School(s) of Enrollment: _____

Position Sought: _____

(e.g., LSA Representative)

Candidate Oath

I hereby attest that all information provided on this application is truthful to the best of my knowledge, that I have read and agree to abide by the rules in the Elections Code, and that at the time of signing I am eligible to serve in the positions sought through the indicated election.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Candidates are ineligible for elected positions other than the position(s) for which they run, and must not run for more than one CSG position in a single election cycle. Members of CSJ are ineligible for all elected CSG positions. Students are ineligible for an elected position if they do not anticipate being able to hold the position past the end of the academic term in which they would be elected to it.

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VII. Campaign Finance Form

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

Note: you must attach your own documentation to reflect the information required if this template does not provide enough space for you to do so.

This form must be submitted by the start of voting. Further expenditures must not be made after submission.

Each student eligible to vote in a CSG election is eligible to donate to candidates running in that election. All other individuals and organizations are forbidden from donating to candidates.

Eligible donors may donate substantial non-monetary tangible and intangible goods, such as websites and graphics. Such donations count towards the monetary donation limits and spending limits by their approximate or exact monetary market value. If the value of the services involved in the production of such goods can be separately established, they must be reported separately as services, discounting the reported value of the goods accordingly.

Eligible donors may donate substantial services not involving the production of goods to candidates, which count toward the monetary donation limits and spending limits by their approximate or exact monetary market value, counting any labor at \$15 per hour unless otherwise specified by the donor, except that such donations made by a member of a Campaign Team to which the recipient belongs do not count toward the monetary donation limits of the donor or spending limit of the recipient, and do not need to be reported.

Donation Limits. A donor must only donate up to \$75 to each individual campaign, up to \$250 to each executive ticket, and up to \$500 across all individuals toward a single election. Candidates' contributions to their own campaigns do not count towards these limits.

Candidates who do not spend any money on their campaign do not need to submit a form.

All funds unspent by the time of filing must be donated to CSG or returned to individual donors in proportion to the quantities originally donated. All such donations and returns must be reported on campaign finance forms with documentation. These returns or donations do not count against the donations or spending limits.

This form must be delivered by email to the Elections Director (electiondirector@umich.edu). Please feel free to contact the Elections Director with questions at the same address if you wish to request assistance in completing this form. Please note this form will be made available for public inspection.

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Campaign Finance Report

DONOR NAME	DONOR SIGNATURE	AMOUNT DONATED

(Additional rows may be added as needed)

CANDIDATE EXPENDITURES

ITEM	EXPENDITURE
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES:

(Additional rows may be added as needed)

SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE CERTIFYING THIS REPORT:

_____ Date: _____

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VIII. Affidavit of Endorsement

Individuals must not advertise or disseminate endorsements that are unauthorized. In order to authorize an endorsement, an eligible Endorsement Verification must be submitted to the Elections Director. This form, properly completed, serves as one means of such verification. This form must be submitted via email to the Elections Director at electiondirector@umich.edu.

Candidate (Endorsee) Name: _____

By signing this form, I certify that I (on my own behalf or on behalf of my organization or entity) willingly endorse the above-named candidate, authorizing the dissemination and advertisement of my endorsement in the Fall 2021 Central Student Government elections. I understand that I may withdraw this endorsement at any time; and I agree that I will inform the Elections Director and candidate in order to do so, with the understanding that the candidate must thereafter cease dissemination and advertisement of the withdrawn endorsements within 12 hours.

For Endorsements from Registered Student Organizations

Name of Endorsing Organization: _____

Name of Authorized Signer 1: _____

Dated Signature of Authorized Signer 1: _____ / ____ / ____

Name of Authorized Signer 2: _____

Dated Signature of Authorized Signer 2: _____ / ____ / ____

Effective Date of Endorsement (cannot be earlier than date of final authorizing signature): ____ / ____ / ____

For Other Endorsements

Name of Endorsing Person or Entity: _____

Name and Affiliation of Authorizing Person (if an entity) : _____

Dated Signature of Authorizing Person: _____ / ____ / ____

Effective Date of Endorsement (cannot be earlier than date of authorizing signature): ____ / ____ / ____

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IX. The CSG Elections Code

The Elections Code is Article VI of the CSG Compiled Code, available on the CSG website at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mb0gTQervTWeJgMFJEsSxV58ZJliaz50/view>

In addition to the attestation within the Candidate Oath on the candidacy application that a candidate will abide by the rules within the Elections Code, candidates are also responsible for educating others involved in their campaign activities about the Elections Code. Accordingly, if the Election Court determines that a member of a Campaign Team has violated a rule, the penalty applies to all coordinating candidate member(s) of the Campaign Team(s) to which the violator belonged.

Any questions regarding the Elections Code may be submitted to the Elections Director at electiondirector@umich.edu.