

To whom it may concern,

My name is Ibrahim Mohammad, a third year Honours Kinesiology student at McMaster University. I am writing this letter to share my co-founder (Ammaar Jan) and I's idea for a club that will benefit the McMaster community at large and create lasting friendships among its members.

The club would be named "Bars and Buckets" (B&B), and it would consist of a club whose main goal is to organize events and meet-ups that allow basketball and/or hip-hop/rap fans to discuss the latest aspects of the game and the genre. It would engage a larger conversation about hip-hop and basketball to get people together and to bond with one another. We feel that at McMaster, with a large fanbase of basketball and hip-hop fans, there is no club that organizes events to watch basketball games and/or album release listening parties. We found that within our friends' circles, people would either watch games/listen to new hip-hop albums alone or with a couple of friends, but there was never any large-scale event where, for example, a large screen was set-up for dozens of people to watch the game together and bond together. We wanted to fill in that gap and provide a positive, friendship-creating environment for like-minded fans in our university. The club will create a platform where it's easy to find and make friends with people who share similar interests, and facilitate events for them to meet up and discuss and debate the aforementioned topics.

Overall, we believe that this kind of club does not currently exist at the university, and we would love to fill that gap and help make McMaster a more inclusive and positive place where lasting memories are made. We thank you so much in advance for your consideration, and we are grateful for this opportunity.

Best regards,

Ibrahim Mohammad

Nov. 24, 2018

Dear MSU Clubs Administrator,

We are writing to you in hopes that Compassion through Music can become a MSU Club, with the intent to provide the Hamilton Community with joy and musical opportunities. Compassion through Music aims to provide McMaster students with the chance to give back to the community through musical engagement. Music engagement plays a pivotal role in creating intergenerational bonds, engaging the mind, and helping to improve well-being. Our group plans on playing various styles of music, and will use various instruments such as ukulele, piano, and of course, our voices. These musical sessions will occur on a routinely basis or during special events for vulnerable populations, and will involve all residents and visitors at the locations in the music-making experience.

As a unique MSU club, Compassion through Music will address the lack of recreational programming for underfunded communities, while recognizing the influential power of music on lifting spirits and encouraging social interaction. We are interested in reaching out to underfunded locations including retirement centres, long-term care homes, community day programs, and shelters. We also plan on providing training to McMaster students regarding expectations and conduct around the Hamilton community..

Regards,
Compassion through Music Executives

November 2018
Crohn's and Colitis Club
Cover Letter

To whom this may concern,

The Crohn's and Colitis Club aims to raise awareness and funds for Crohn's, Colitis, and any other IBD (Inflammatory Bowel Disease) related illness. Our goal is to raise awareness regarding the difficulty of living with IBD related illnesses, to raise money for new research and new treatment methods for Crohn's and Colitis, and to advocate for fair washroom access.

McMaster University does not Currently have a ratified Club for Crohn's and Colitis fundraising. This club will be unique, as it will be the first initiative on campus that address an issue that is not often talked about, and that is usually underrepresented in research and advocacy. Advocacy is a main goal for our club, as we will be working with Crohn's and Colitis Canada to improve the lives of children and adults coping with these Chronic conditions. Many students at McMaster University suffer, or know someone who suffers from IBD related illnesses. The Hamilton Chapter at Crohn's and Colitis Canada alone, is made up of many McMaster University students. We would like to bring to fruition discussion amongst students, pertaining to Crohn's and Colitis research and treatment. Its is our belief that many students are unaware of the difficulties related to these chronic conditions. We would like to make students and staff aware of these illnesses through media/community, campaigns, public speaking events, conducting surveys and hosting events. Moreover, we would like to advocate and spread awareness for access to washrooms and treatments for both the students/individuals at McMaster, and those across canada living with this condition.

Crohn's and Colitis Canada will be sending us information pamphlets, posters and other resources to inform the McMaster community of current initiatives and upcoming events. We will be promoting our own events along with Crohn's and Colitis Canada Events, that students can get involved with. The organization is willing to Provide us with certain resources that we would need for events such as Tea and Coffee mingle session and or Information sessions.

Simona Perrotti
Tania Namrud
Jordan Zufelt
Victoria De Freitas



RE: MSU Club Application

Dear Josephine,

With environmental conditions in Hamilton being at such high-stakes, I felt that it was my duty to kickstart a club whose goal is to fundraise for Environment Hamilton, a non-profit organization with the goal of inspiring people to protect and enhance the environment through leadership, education, and advocacy.

With the collaboration of Lynda Lukasik from Environment Hamilton, we have decided to become a branch of Environment Hamilton, using the same name. The mission statement of our club is to “improve the environmental conditions within Hamilton, by raising donations and awareness in association with Environment Hamilton.” Our club would invite members to participate in educational seminars lead by members of Environment Hamilton concerning a variety of environmental issues within Hamilton. Initiatives include the involvement in community clean-ups to decrease the risk of danger to native species of particular habitats, participation in monthly contests with environmentally-friendly prizes, as well as fundraising money through bake sales and plant sales for Environment Hamilton.

While browsing through the environmental clubs offered through MSU, we noticed that none of the clubs fundraise money for a Hamilton-based non-profit organization for environmental conservation. We are hoping to be the first to do so. Collaborating with an organization like Environment Hamilton ensures that the money is evenly distributed to a multitude of causes, such as the Randle Reef project, the Hamilton Fruit Tree project, the Pollinator Paradise project, and the Trees Please project.

As members of the Hamilton community, it is our civic duty to ensure that the environment we use every day remains clean, unharmed, and protected. Our cause would contribute to the McMaster community by educating students about the environmental conditions of Hamilton, and why becoming a carbon-neutral city is such an important step to take for the overall alleviation of climate change. It would also ensure that our campus and our city remains clean, safe, and healthy.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to consider the approval of our club. We are all very excited to participate in such a wonderful cause. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Sabina Carbajal

November 25th, 2018

Josephine Liauw
Clubs Administrator
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Dear Josephine Liauw:

As students with a passion for health and gerontology we are thrilled to have the opportunity to propose our club, "GeriActive Outreach", for ratification. Our club aims to have a positive impact on seniors by educating on topics of healthy aging during outreach events in community centers or retirement homes in Hamilton. We aim to be able to encourage seniors to implement what they have learned through participation in various events and activities focused on healthy living. These will include events such as a wellness day, yoga sessions, cooking classes, and more. In addition, we also aim to provide a forum for social engagement by spending quality time with seniors. Some additional social activities will include classes to teach elders how to use technology, game nights, arts and crafts and more.

Although this will not be the first club at McMaster that is centered around Health and Aging, GeriActive Outreach will be organizing events that have not yet been done by these other clubs. Some Health and Aging clubs at McMaster are dedicated to promoting awareness about healthy and aging through events specifically for McMaster students. GeriActive Outreach is focused more on working directly with seniors by organizing specific events in the community. Our club is unique in the sense that the wide variety of events target topics on physical health, mental health and social interaction. While raising awareness about health and aging is an important place to start, we believe that education on healthy aging and encouraging participation in activities to improve the lifestyle of seniors is crucial. Seniors have helped, shaped and influenced our lives on many individual and societal levels and as students of this club, we feel it is important to give back and make a difference in their lives.

Our club members will have opportunities to get involved in raising awareness about healthy aging and promoting healthy aging lifestyles by taking on leadership roles at our events as volunteers. Members will be responsible for working with seniors, creating relationships with seniors and providing guidance to them throughout our events. Club members will have the opportunity to learn more about issues concerning aging and take part in discussions with seniors during our outreach events. The club contributes to the McMaster student community as students will be able to have discussions with like-minded students and build connections with other student volunteers. In addition, students will be able to build connections with seniors as they work together towards achieving a common goal, which is to promote healthy and active living in the aging population. As such, GeriActive Outreach events will benefit all members involved including student volunteers and older adults taking part in the activities.

Sincerely,



GeriActive Outreach (GO)



To whom it may concern,

As undergraduate students, we are fortunate enough to be living and starting our careers in a time where groundbreaking technologies are emerging and developing at quite a rapid rate, with the rise of technologies like artificial intelligence, virtual reality and blockchain. This also means that it can be rather challenging for students at McMaster to keep up with the progress being made, especially since most of it is too new to be taught in courses at our school. We believe that this should not deter the community of individuals interested in these fields from seeking knowledge and gaining a better understanding of the growth in these sectors.

As students in the healthcare field, we are particularly interested in how these emerging technologies are going to impact healthcare, and we know our peers are too. There are already so many advancements being made, from telemedicine to robots performing complex surgeries, and the innovations will only grow from there. Although the potential for these rising technologies is recognized, it is not well or easily understood for students that are interested, and there lacks an open learning space for these discussions at McMaster. HealthTech is unique as it will provide a safe space on campus that interested individuals are able to learn and explore the breakthroughs of technology and how they revolutionize healthcare. Our club would cater to various types of students as our members would get the chance to learn through individual research, facilitated group discussions, and from specialists in the field. HealthTech's main goal is to give students at McMaster the opportunity to explore a rising field that can be difficult to learn individually, and spreading this awareness across campus. If we are successful, we will be able to work with our members to submit and publish articles about our findings to student journals to share our knowledge with the rest of the community. In the following year, we hope to organize and hold an end of the year conference open to the public, inviting experts in the field to share their research and work with anyone at McMaster that would like to learn more.

We are quite excited at the prospect of giving students an opportunity to become a part of the revolution in healthcare that we are certain new technologies will generate. Thank you for giving us a chance to do so. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Saara".

Saara Punjani

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nandini Bansal".

Nandini Bansal

HealthTech Co-Presidents

Hispanic and Portuguese Club

Cover Letter

1) Who/What the club is about? What are its goals, purposes, intentions?

The Hispanic and Portuguese club is about celebrating Spanish and Portuguese language and Hispanic and Portuguese culture. Its goal is to provide an opportunity for members of the McMaster community who share an appreciation for Hispanic and Portuguese culture to interact, practice their language skills, and enjoy cultural activities.

2) Why is the club unique? What academic, culture, religion, recreational activity, or social issue does it represent/address that is not currently being represented/addressed?

The club is unique because there are currently no cultural clubs that promote Hispanic or Portuguese culture.

3) How will the club contribute to the McMaster University student community?

The club will support McMasters values of inclusion and celebration of diversity. All students, independent of their racial or cultural background are invited to join the Hispanic and Portuguese club and attend any of the meetings. The club will contribute to the McMaster University student community by creating an enriching environment where students can engage in stimulating events that promote Hispanic and Portuguese language and culture. Examples of planned events include Spanish/Portuguese game and movie nights, flamenco dance classes, and a Mexican fundraising food sale where we will sell sugar skulls to celebrate Dia de los muertos.

25th November, 2018
McMaster University
1280 Main Street West

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Vienna Mazzoli, and I am writing you this letter to express our team's interest in securing the ratification of our club, McMaster Biomod, at McMaster University.

McMaster Biomod provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to engage in a fully immersive synthetic biology project. Using the knowledge taught in class, students will participate in project planning, experimental design, laboratory execution, data analysis, and presentation to a panel of professional judges. Furthermore, executive members with past experience as a part of the team, will be available to mentor the newest members, providing them with the experience necessary to go from a strictly knowledge-based background to active participation in a university-level practical lab.

Additionally, we will also present our work in front of leading synthetic biology experts at the annual International Genetically Engineered Machine (iGEM) in Boston, MA. iGEM is an international synthetic biology competition involving 300+ university teams, as well as 50+ teams representing the overgraduate and high school levels. The purpose of iGEM is to provide undergraduate students with a platform to participate in the development of the field of synthetic biology.

While we acknowledge that another McMaster club exists that competes at the iGEM competition, our team is unique due to our involvement with a second competition called Biomod. The Biomod competition, which occurs in autumn in San Francisco, CA, brings together undergraduate teams from all over the world to present projects that utilize DNA nanostructures in novel ways. This would mark the first time that a McMaster team will present at the competition, and we hope to kickstart an interest in biological nanostructures within the McMaster community.

This past year, our team competed at our very first iGEM competition. With 12 students between 1st and 3rd year, we worked throughout the year on a project that used bacteria as a novel cancer therapeutic. Working out of a laboratory at McMaster, we successfully won a Bronze medal at the 2017 iGEM Jamboree. Furthermore, we conducted an extensive outreach program in the Hamilton community which involved helping elementary school students to develop a science fair project and present it at BASEF. We are also very involved with the McMaster community. Last year, we collaborated with other clubs, such as the DeScipher Life Sciences Competition, where we helped to organize the inquiry challenge portion of the event.

Ultimately, this club aims to provide McMaster students with the opportunity to learn about the expansive field of synthetic biology through working on a project, which will involve putting their knowledge into action. Each year, veteran members will mentor and guide newer members through the experiments required, as well as other skills, such as giving scientific presentations.

Respectfully Yours,

Vienna Mazzoli



Nov 23, 2018
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To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Yu Fan (Peter) Zeng and I am writing this letter to express our team's interest in securing the ratification of our club, McMaster Chinese News Network (Abbreviated as McCNN), at McMaster University.

McCNN hopes to engage the students at McMaster who are interested in Chinese culture and journalism to provide news to Chinese readers both associated with McMaster and beyond. Thus, our main goal is to gather students who are interested in writing and journalism to collaborate and produce news articles. We aim to attract members who are interested in Chinese journalism, language, and culture. Meanwhile, we aim to also provide a platform for students who wish to pursue a career in journalisms, marketing, and administrative roles to gain valuable experience. We also hope to serve other McMaster students by sharing weekly articles with the community through social media and internet, thus serving as an information outlet for many Chinese students who currently have no such resources due to their language barriers. Our news articles not only would help our readers understand McMaster policies, services, and other useful and interesting information, but also provide a platform to encourage discussion and debate.

We are unique from other MSU-affiliated clubs that target Chinese students such as MAC CSSA and CSA in that our goal is not to connect Chinese students, but to provide a platform and resource for many Chinese students we have encountered who are interested in journalism. Our goal is to allow provide a space for these students to discuss journalism in Chinese, while also working towards serving the community by providing timely Chinese news. We are unique in that we 1) currently have a wide audience on multiple popular Chinese social media platforms; 2) we will be the only club who can fill the currently unmet need of information for Chinese students who do not speak English; 3) provide opportunity for student interested in Chinese journalism.

We believe that McCNN could maintain significant student interest since that we fill a niche – the lack of local news and information in Chinese. Our confidence is based on the high number of subscribers we have on our WeChat Official Account Platform. WeChat Official Account Platform is a platform that allows media outlets to provide WeChat users with information and services through an official account. McCNN account was registered in Feb 2015 and now contains 2500+ real subscribers, which covers a large portion of Mac Chinese community.



We hope to serve the McMaster community by providing valuable news and information in Chinese for students who have significant language barriers or those who prefer to read in Chinese. Our goal is based on the McMaster values of multicultural, diversity, creativity, communication, critical thinking, and personal growth. We hope to both help the local community by publishing news article, and our member by providing them a platform to hone their communication skills. We aim to uphold the values of integrity, fairness, and truth in all information we report to a wide audience – including but not limited to Chinese international students, parents of international Chinese students, students who wish to gain more understanding in Chinese, and other Chinese-speaking Canadian students.

Ultimately, this club aims to provide McMaster students with the opportunity to learn about the Chinese journalism through working on a project, which will involve putting their knowledge into action. Each year, veteran members will mentor and guide newer members through the experiments required, as well as other skills, producing articles suitable for publishing.

Respectfully Yours,

Yu Fan (Peter) Zeng

Students Union
McMaster University
Main Street
Hamilton, Ontario

RE: APPLICATION REGARDING REGISTERING MCMMASTER CHINESE PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY AS A CLUB

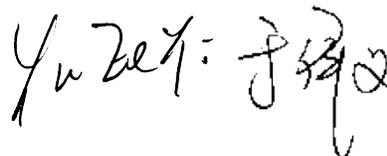
The McMaster Chinese Professional Society serves as a student organization aiming to provide its members with practical workshops, competitions, and social networking opportunities that would enhance international students' workplace competitiveness in the future both in Canada and abroad. The main goal of the McMaster Chinese Professional Society is to support its members who are unfamiliar with the foreign career seeking environment to offer them more comfort and ability in gaining the most adequate career opportunity upon graduation.

Currently there are many international student clubs across the campus, however, amongst the cluster of student organizations, none of them is founded to solve international students' main concern of discovering a suitable career path. Unlike most international student organizations, the MCPS's activities will mainly focus on hosting career oriented events, workshops, competitions, and seminars. More information of the CPS's planned events can be found in the *Appendix*. All undergraduate and graduate students at the McMaster University are welcome to participate in the organization's events, while 3rd and 4th year student members will benefit the most from being part of the organization.

The Chinese international student body is a substantial, yet professionally isolated community at McMaster University. The notable workplace-culture differences in conjunction to the absence of a student-oriented organization to support these students resulted in their lack of workplace competitiveness. Students are not actively using the social resources, like workshop, career centres, mentorship sessions, career fairs etc. Based on the addressed issue, therefore carries out the McMaster Chinese Professional Society. MCPS aims to contribute towards providing organized activities, seminars, bootcamps, and competition to help students improve their status quo in the job market.

The MCPS is founded with the mission of helping international students become more workplace ready in Canada and beyond. We will be part of the Ontario CPS alliance consisting of 8 student organizations situated across universities including York University, Queen's University, UTSG, UTSC, UTM, Western University, University of Waterloo, and University of Windsor. While being part of the alliance, the UWCPs will be a fully independent student organization that is not influenced by external interests. With a strong alliance with organizations that shares similar vision and mission across Ontario, we hope to foster a supportive macro-environment for Chinese international students across the province and help more students succeed in Canada and beyond.

Warmest Regards,
Zeyi Yu
President
McMaster Chinese Professional Society
July 29th, 2018

Handwritten signature of Zeyi Yu in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Appendix

MCPS Planned Events

Series of Bi-weekly Seminars Throughout the Year

Event Name: Career Exploration

Purpose: To help students explore career paths in Engineering, Finance, Accounting, Marketing, Data Science, Business Analytics, Actuarial Science, Innovation Management, Sustainability Management, etc.

Event for September

Event Name: Professional Society Introduction – Explore my Career

Purpose: To help Chinese international students explore all the popular career options after graduation including working in Canada, pursuing a master degree, working in China, etc.

Event for October

Event Name: Explore Higher Education

Purpose: To help members understand different types of master degrees and graduate diplomas. This event will allow students to determine whether a graduate degree is something that they should consider.

Event for November (10 University Joint Event)

Event Name: International Case Competition (Hosted in both Mandarin and English)

Purpose: This will be the first case competition in southern Ontario that is oriented towards international students. To encourage more international students to participate in this professional event, the case competition will be hosted in both English and Mandarin. The goal of this event is to stimulate international build confidence and student initiatives for success.

Event for December

Event Name: International Student Networking Dinner

Purpose: This is a networking dinner where international students can connect with industry professionals by having a dinner together and conduct round table discussions. This event will help international students build stronger professional networks in Canada, at the same time, help international students practice networking and western dining etiquette.



October 17, 2018

The mission of GoDigitelle McMaster is to empower vulnerable communities of women by building digital literacy skills and encouraging access to technology. The McMaster GoDigitelle program will help women increase their skills through in-person learning workshops, while also giving them the social support they need to reach their potential and thrive. As an extension of GoDigitelle created by SAWAC (South Asian Women Association of Canada), McMaster GoDigitelle will help increase digital literacy in women, opening doors for economic, social and intellectual opportunities. The club will aim to develop a workshop based mentoring program through student involvement, encouraging the participation of not only women but also newcomers, ethnocultural groups and seniors from various minority groups in the greater Hamilton and Halton community.

In regard to improving the McMaster University community, McMaster GoDigitelle will provide students with an opportunity to mentor (or shadow mentors) through the workshop-based learning initiative, where they can positively impact individuals using their skills and build essential leadership skills along the way. Students will have the chance to get involved and explore the idea behind what creates a digital divide and how that effects an individual's ability to access technology, create digital information, and develop digital literacy skills. The club will allow for a positive environment in which students can unite to discuss and reflect on pressing issues, as well as brainstorm ideas with other like-minded individuals to enhance the content of the workshops. McMaster students will learn and be encouraged to be proactive and translate their ideas into action. This way, McMaster GoDigitelle will help students increase their involvement within the McMaster community, that of Hamilton, the GTA, and on a global scale.

McMaster GoDigitelle is unlike any other campus club because it is the sole body representing GoDigitelle, as well as the only club with a strong focus on enhancing digital literacy through a workshop-based approach where McMaster students will be given the opportunity to mentor and positively impact the Hamilton community. It is a combination of a human rights and socialist club, and its integration into the McMaster community will provide students with a different perspective through their interaction with various individuals. Being a member of McMaster GoDigitelle will provide students with an opportunity to branch out of their comfort zones and enhance their interpersonal skills while positively impacting their surrounding community creating a strong foundation for a proactive future.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Rumaina & Arleen

McMaster Hematology and Phlebotomy Association (MHPA)
Section 2 – Cover Letter

1) Who/What the club is about? What are its goals, purposes, intentions?

The purpose of the McMaster Hematology and Phlebotomy Association (MHPA) is to act as an academic source in order to equip students with essential knowledge and skills involving diseases of the blood as well as the practice of phlebotomy. More importantly, the MHPA aims to raise awareness for countless hematological diseases (ie. leukemia, hemophilia, anemia, lymphoma, myeloma and etc.) through fundraisers and events that will donate profits to researchers and associations working to improve the prognosis and prevalence of such diseases in the Hamilton Community and McMaster University. In addition to this, the MHPA also aims to provide information about careers as a phlebotomist as well as other related fields. The executive will do this by informing and educating the general members through various fundraising events and informative presentations carried out by the executives or a variety of researchers in this field. Moreover, the executive will also be a liaison and voice for all McMaster students who are interested in pursuing a careers in areas involving blood and also to help them find volunteer and research positions focused around hematology.

2) Why is the club unique? What academic, culture, religion, recreational activity, or social issue does it represent/address that is not currently being represented/addressed?

The unique platform of this club inevitably relates to everyone. Whether students are in science related programs or not, their physical health largely relies upon one of the most important components making up their physiology– blood. Here at McMaster we have a wide range of clubs devoted to other important illnesses but we're missing the one that contributes to Hematologic diseases. MHPA is here to ensure students are being educated in this topic and is open to people from all cultures, religions and backgrounds. We are devoted to educating students on avoiding the many blood-related diseases such as STIs, which have their highest rates seen in young people aged under 25 years. Many of these diseases are all largely preventable by avoiding risks in ways that people aren't yet aware of. In addition to this, the executive team of MHPA believes that it is also important to educated students about a wide variety of other blood related diseases such as: leukemia, hemophilia, anemia, lymphoma, myeloma and many more. The other great component to this club is its commitment to provide information to those interested in pursuing a career for in this field by connecting them with ongoing research opportunities and available trainings and workshops that will not only enhance the students' knowledge but will also provide them with a wide variety of practical and hands on experience. .

3) How will the club contribute to the McMaster University student community?

MHPA will unite McMaster students of all disciplines and educate them in a way no other club has before. The university will be an even safer community with its students having

an understanding of treating and avoiding hematological disease which are likely to affect many in their future. McMaster University as a whole will have a brighter student body educated in yet another important cause of Hematology and Phlebotomy with its related diseases and varied career opportunities for those who see themselves contributing to this field. Moreover, through some of the planned events including research based seminars and presentations this club also aims to motivate the younger generation in university and to peak their interests in contributing to research projects that aim to improve the prognosis of hematological diseases or improve their treatment and outcome. Moreover, through the countless volunteering promotion events as well as fundraising events, the MHPA is determined to help associations and researchers that are making a difference in this field through their research, by donating the profits to selected organizations. This will hopefully not only provide a small but impactful incentive to continue research in this field but it will also help those that are tirelessly working to tackle hematological diseases. Lastly, by also planning to conduct and raise awareness for blood drives, the MHPA aims to promote the donation of blood. This will not only provide donated samples that can be used by researchers, but it can also help save countless lives that depend on external sources of blood to treat their conditions.

Dear MSU,

The club that I am presenting to you is the McMaster Photography Club (MPC). As outlined in the name this club will be all about photography. To be more specific, the whole photography process from knowing the ins and outs of your camera to being able to use the photo and video features built in, to lastly applying some post touches in photoshoot. The main goal will be to gather people who love the art of photography and simply have a good time, while teaching each other nifty tricks. As a future goal I would also like to connect the club to faculties and event planners, so I can provide my club members with potential field work if they are serious about photography.

In terms of uniqueness I could simply say that currently there is no photography club. Going into detail I think a photography club will bring a new level of academic and recreational activity that other clubs cannot match. Not only is photography peaceful and relaxing but it requires a lot of movement and quick thinking in certain situations. A photographer can be taking photos of swaying grass in the wind to following a hawk through a dense forest. What ever the situation I believe photography is both enjoyable and challenging.

As mentioned earlier I will try to connect my club to faculties and planners so that students who are struggling to make that first step into this profession will have an easier opportunity. I also think that simple meet ups will force people to engage in conversation. Since members will be talking about something they love or enjoy it will come easier to them, hopefully building new relationships and friendships. The club will also organise hikes and peaceful outdoor excursions which depending on the person would relax them and take their mind of school, tests, exams, etc. Lastly one major project that I can only dream about right now and really hope it happens is reaching out to professionals and famous photographers in hopes that they come out and talk about they're career and accomplishments to the club.

Thank you for taking the time to go through my club application.

MPA Club Ratification Application

1. Administrative Information

Name: McMaster Punjabi Association

Category: Club/Association

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Executive Team:

Co Presidents: Jot Khosa and Savleen Natt

Vice President: Navroop Tutt

Finance Advisor: Harman Bath

Social media Coordinator: Jugraj Toor and Manpriya Singh

Promotions Exec: Sukhraj Sandhu and Anoop Samra

Fundraiser Coordinator: Alisha Sahota and Harpreet Somal

Secretary: Dilman Boparai

Representatives:

First year - Aayushi and Harleen

Second year – Shawn Chaniana and Gurleen Gill

Third year – Sahaj Singh

Fourth year - Amar and Akash Bhullar

Mission Statement: The unification of Punjabi students to participate in cultural belonging activities that express awareness.

2. Cover Letter

McMaster Punjabi Association is a club for all those in or interested in Punjabi culture. Our goal is to bring together all Punjabi McMaster students for positive activities and movements. We want to create a group to help students feel as if they are at home and have a place they belong too. This club will be a way for first years to make friends and network as well. We are a group of individuals committed to providing a voice and a safe space for Punjabi people across campus. MPA plans to have cultural events for celebrations like Diwali and recreational activities. For example, we plan to have Indian foods and desserts at meetings and contests as well. Regarding social issues, we also plan to have meetings for Punjabi girls going through abusive relationships where all girls can get together once a week to discuss issues. We also will use our platform to post about social issues. We plan to contribute to McMaster University through student involvement from food drives to bake sales and school events.

McMaster Seismic Design Team

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November 25, 2018

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Gregory Smilski, and as one of the Team Captains of the McMaster Seismic Design Team I am eager to apply for our team to be ratified as a club with the McMaster Students Union. We are a student-led, multidisciplinary design team that focuses on architectural and seismic design and project management. As such, I believe our team would be a worthwhile addition to the MSU's list of clubs and teams.

As a design team, our focus is centered on our main project—the Seismic Design Competition. For this competition, our team designs, builds, tests, and creates an architectural rendering of a balsawood structure that can withstand being loaded with weights and shaken by earthquake ground motions. Run by the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute (EERI) Student Leadership Council (SLC) every March, this competition invites the top forty teams from around the world to compare their designs head to head, providing students a chance to develop project management and design skills while learning about the impacts of earthquakes and the necessity of earthquake engineering. We take students from all faculties and departments to the competition, but by becoming MSU ratified we could reach a broader range of students for our team, allowing them to take part in this opportunity and develop these skills hands-on.

Our team's uniqueness comes from one of the key components of the competition—a focus on architecture. McMaster does not have an architecture program, so our club provides students interested in the field a chance to develop a design while meeting competition constraints—a uniquely practical experience. The team must create a design inspired by the culture, environment, and cityscape of the competition's host city and render it using industry software such as Autodesk Revit. By becoming ratified with the MSU, we could provide students from all faculties a chance to learn and develop these skills.

I believe the McMaster Seismic Design Team would be valuable as an MSU club, and I look forward to meeting with you to further discuss our team's qualifications. Please contact me by email or by phone. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Greg Smilski

McMaster Shoebox Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Shoebox Project collects and distributes gifts in the form of Shoeboxes to disenfranchised women living in shelters. Last year, due to the overwhelming generosity of donors across Canada and the US, over 36 000 women in 252 communities received a special gift. Shoeboxes, although relatively simple and affordable for the donor, are priceless for the recipient. Shoeboxes contain fifty dollars worth of essential and luxury items that women would normally be unable to afford, including: mittens, lotions, socks, deodorants, shampoos, et cetera.

The primary goal for this project is to enhance self-esteem and reduce social isolation of marginalized and vulnerable women; to provide every woman living in poverty in Canada with a gift for the holidays; to boost her self-confidence and to remind these women that they are not alone. The vision for the McMaster Shoebox Project is to support women affected by homelessness and addiction at a local level. We will be partnering with the Hamilton Shoebox Project to accomplish this task. We aim to host fundraisers, shoebox drives and other events focusing on the importance of empowering women. All proceeds and donations will go towards delivering shoeboxes to emergency shelters, shelters for victims of abuse, and a wide range of community support services such as drop-ins, transitional and supportive housing for women living with a variety of challenges in the Hamilton area.

Women who have lost their home for various reasons, and are estranged from their families, regularly experience overwhelming feelings of seclusion and sorrow; Christmas, Mother's Day, and International Women's Day can be a predominately challenging time for these women and exacerbate their dismay. Often, during this period woman feel detached from the world around them, neglected, and alone. The gift of a shoebox is a unique approach to give a woman a reminder that she has not been forgotten; that she remains a valued and respected member of her community. Shoeboxes are a unique in the sense they provide women with necessities such as soap and toothbrushes, however they also include sweets and encouraging messages to express to women that they are not alone and have the support of their community members.

By looking at the issue of homelessness through a gender lens it has been established by The Hamilton Spectator that sixty – six percent of homelessness amongst women is caused by previous abuse or trauma. By having this club at McMaster, students are able to make a positive contribution through showcasing compassion and building self – confidence in women in their community. Ultimately, this club aspires to shed light on issues facing homeless women in hopes of creating a generation that takes action through social awareness.

Sincerely,

Kiran Bassi
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Dear Josephine Liauw,

I am Phillip Pastolero, Co-chair of NAYGN McMaster, writing on behalf of our organization to apply for official MSU club status. We are a student chapter of the North American Young Generation in Nuclear (NAYGN) looking to further our reach in terms of audience, funding, and advertising. Through this application process, we hope to gain access to MSU services and resources to increase our outreach and event capabilities.

NAYGN McMaster is a growing group of students (undergraduate and graduate) interested in the field of nuclear science and technology. We, the organization, are about engaging and informing students of all disciplines about the field of nuclear science and technology. Our organization aims to host events, such as workshops, lectures, and tours. These will enrich students' education in technical knowledge and professional skills. One such event was our lecture by a resident health physicist, Derek Cappon, where he outlined basic principles of radiation and its relation to health and safety. An upcoming event is our lab tour/open house where students are welcome to see demonstrations of the nuclear labs for 3rd years and above as well as some test facilities in NRB. All our events are open to the public to aid in both outreach and the image of a transparent nuclear industry. To further this point, we are also looking to distribute a newsletter on a term-by-term basis.

At 70+ verified members, one successfully completed event, and another in the works, our organization has demonstrated its desire to host events and the students have responded positively. With larger events in greater quantities planned throughout the year, we hope to engage more students and are seeking support from the MSU with regards to finances and advertising. There are currently no undergraduate-student run nuclear-based clubs at McMaster University. The development of our students as technical experts and professionals is not currently being represented or addressed by any club or organization in the MSU. Thus, we believe this club is unique not only in scale but in purpose.

With MSU club status, NAYGN McMaster aims to enrich the learning experience of current and future students interested in nuclear-technology. This will increase the diversity of available clubs in the McMaster community, and allow for a central body for students looking for nuclear-based events and information to interact with. As we demonstrate a greater student following and their need for nuclear-events, this club also believes it will draw in more incoming students who share our love and desire to learn and develop as professionals in the nuclear industry.

In summary, the executive team strongly believes that, should NAYGN McMaster be granted official club status, both the MSU and McMaster community at large will benefit today and in the future. With our current resources, we have grown to 70+ members, successfully completed one event, and have another upcoming. One can only imagine what we can achieve with more. Specifics on our yearly budget and constitution can be found on the application and attached documents. I look forward to hearing back about this application soon. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Phillip Pastolero
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Wednesday, November 21, 2018

To the Clubs Administrator,

The McMaster Pass On Positivity Club is a recreational club aiming to improve the general well-being and happiness of the students at McMaster University, primarily by creating fun stressbuster-like interventions around campus. McMaster POP's events would emulate those of welcome week and the archetypal fun MSU club events through small-scale community engagement and tactical urbanism.

The rationale for starting this club originated from a minor yet pervasive issue existing within McMaster: there exists a need for general happiness and mental health enrichment initiatives on campus to synergistically create more positivity on campus. Although there are various MSU services and clubs (e.g. SCSN, SHEC, MSU campus events, and Maroons) that collectively contribute to sustaining positive health amongst the general student population, POP seeks to provide an opportunity for senior undergraduate students (third and fourth year) to re-experience the feeling of being a first year during welcome week. That being said, the club will remain inclusive and accessible to all students.

POP demonstrates uniqueness from existing clubs and services at McMaster as it has a distinct mandate that is directed towards creating simple, positive change focused on happiness amongst university students, especially senior students. There is often an identifiable reduction in positive support for senior students dealing with academic workload stress in comparison to the initiatives designed for first years, and our organization strives to bridge this gap in order to provide a positive experience for all students and faculty of McMaster university.

Thank you for taking your time to read over the yearly plan and this cover letter. We hope that POP is able to become ratified by the MSU as we believe that we have an admirable cause that has not yet been fulfilled at McMaster University.

Best regards,

McMaster Pass On Positivity

Cover letter for Skin Cancer Awareness Student Association

1) Who/What the club is about? What are its goals, purposes, intentions?

The primary goal of the Skin Cancer Awareness Student Association is to be a voice and advocate for skin cancer (also known as melanoma) prevention through sharing information regarding the dangers of UV radiation and protection strategies against the sun. Information will be communicated through presentations in conferences at McMaster University, columns in the university newspaper and a designated social media platform.

2) Why is the club unique? What academic, culture, religion, recreational activity, or social issue does it represent/address that is not currently being represented/addressed?

This club is unique because it is the first club at McMaster that specifically targets bringing awareness to one of the most preventable cancers. Skin cancer is caused when our skin is overexposed to UV radiation from the sun. It is the most common type of cancer and prevention is possible with the correct knowledge. This club can be thought of as a teaching tool to increase knowledge about skin health within the McMaster and greater Hamilton community.

3) How will the club contribute to the McMaster University student community?

According to the Canadian Skin Cancer Foundation, Canadians born in the 1990s have a two to three times higher lifetime risk of getting skin cancer (1 in 6) than those born in the 1960s (1 in 20). This means that the majority of the student body at McMaster is at a high risk for skin cancer, which makes them the target population of this awareness club. This club will teach university students protection strategies and tips on how to become an active participant in maintaining their skin health. Through monthly campaigns, and fundraising we are actively involving McMaster students to help them reduce their risk of getting skin cancer while providing the opportunity to contribute to the research community through the generated funds.

To the MSU Club Administrator:

Socialist Fightback Students (SFS) is a Marxist student organization. We organize education in Marxist theory, the history of class struggle and current world and national events. We are also an activist organization involved in struggles for free education, against racism and fascism, against imperialist war, for women's emancipation and workers solidarity.

We wish to be a club that can connect to students Canada-wide. For that we need to understand the concerns and aspirations of students across Canada who are looking for an alternative to the capitalist status quo.

For example, we actively organize against ever increasing tuition. Class background should not determine access to education. We fight to eliminate all tuition, registration and ancillary fees. To fight against the impoverishment of debt, we call to cancel all existing student loans. We should end the "debt sentence" facing graduates. All student should be provided with living grants during their studies. Nobody should have to choose between rent and groceries.

In Hamilton, we have seen student housing crisis. Where is the club prepared to fight against this? Housing in student areas are increasingly unaffordable, dangerous, and run by people who exploit the precarious situation of students. All students should have access to affordable student housing. Provide free transit for all and adequate transit infrastructure for the campus community.

Our goal is to address the concerns of students. However, even looking outside of the exploitative debt and housing markets, students are often forced into unpaid internships. All co-op placements should be paid living wages with union representation.

We understand that we cannot just fight against these things on our own. We want to unite students and workers in Hamilton. There is no club that seeks to unite the working community of Hamilton with the student body of McMaster in a way that puts both as equals. Fighting for a living wage is a real concern of all students, but the same concern exists for all workers in Hamilton. It is an explicit goal of our club to unite with workers for better pay and work conditions. And students need to build links with workers off campus to unite the struggle. This means visiting picket lines and rallies in the city to unite McMaster students with the Hamilton community.

And outside of Hamilton, we must unite with students across the country. The student movement in English Canada must forge links with the student movement in Quebec, which has a heroic tradition. Learning from each other and uniting the struggle across national lines will make the movement stronger.

Our clubs goal is to promote solidarity, education, and activism. We outline some of the issues on our campus, and how what we fight for to change. There is no club willing to provide a real working class solution to the problems facing students. A club like ours is sorely need on McMaster. We thank you for consideration of our club!

Sincerely,

Ian Faurschou and the Socialist Fightback Student Executives
November 06, 2018

Dear Ms. Liauw,

There is a significant misunderstanding surrounding schizophrenia, which is a debilitating and highly misunderstood neurological disorder. Strive to Help is an organization embodied with passionate and thoughtful individuals who wish to destigmatize and raise awareness about schizophrenia within McMaster, as well as work closely within the Hamilton community to support individuals affected by this condition. Furthermore, Strive to Help provides the student body a chance to educate themselves on schizophrenia and associated conditions, as well as to get involved with groups and charities which work and aid people with schizophrenia. Through our efforts we hope to strengthen the movement towards a more inclusive community at McMaster facilitating a multitude of resources and services for students experiencing hardships due to schizophrenia.

Throughout the school year, we at Strive to Help would like to offer a variety of engaging opportunities to students in order to expand their understanding about schizophrenia. We have been in contact with the Schizophrenia Society of Ontario (SSO), and they have shown great interest in our mission and have provided us with exemplary resources that will be utilized in the process of raising awareness on campus. Moreover, discussions are currently being made with the SSO to host the 'Strengthening Families Together (SFT)' program at McMaster university. This is a 4-week educational and support program organized by the SSO that is directed to individuals who have family or friends affected by Schizophrenia. We also hope to continuously provide insight to the McMaster student body through 'Strive Stories'; a project dedicated towards breaking down misconceptions regarding schizophrenia. Every month a segment of 'Strive Stories' will be published on social media featuring real life stories of people and families affected by this condition allowing the community to take a glimpse at their lives and families. Moreover, we are also currently having discussions with Open Circle McMaster, to have a collaborative event to facilitate open discussions about schizophrenia in a safe and respectful environment within the winter semester.

Establishing Strive to Help as an official club at McMaster would enable us to pursue our mission to augment the inclusivity, and to create an accepting community within McMaster by increasing public knowledge on the topic of schizophrenia. Through working closely with organizations who aim to positively impact the lives of those affected by this condition, we also believe that our efforts could range well beyond McMaster and into the Hamilton community. We at Strive to Help thank you for taking the time to consider our organization for MSU club ratification, and we look forward to hearing your response.

Best regards,
Strive to Help team.

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Student International Health Initiatives

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MSU CLUB RATIFICATION

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are writing this letter with the intentions of seeking ratification for the 2019 winter semester. While we are applying under the classification of a “new club”, the Student International Health Initiatives **has been an MSU club for over ten years**. In the transition from past executives, we ended up **missing the deadline** for ratification and operated as an external McMaster organization last year.

Despite this difficult situation (and the administrative struggles without MSU club status), our executive team worked extremely hard to successfully host our **13th annual conference**. On March 28th, 2018, we held “**Like Comment Share: Perspectives into the Health Determinants of Social Media Use**”. The conference was a success and appealed to the McMaster community, securing an operating budget of \$1600, reaching over 1.7K users online, and an attendance of roughly 50 delegates. Although we have been successful without MSU club status, ratification would provide us with a simpler means to acquire **increased resources and support** that can aid us in reaching out to a wider population and make more of a distinct impact on the McMaster community.

To our knowledge (and we have consulted the MSU club directory), we continue to **demonstrate uniqueness** through our approach to global health concerns. While other clubs (such as Unicef, Heart & Stroke Foundation, McMaster CCGH) may have a similar mandate to raise awareness and encourage change, our **distinct** case competition/conference approach to advocating for diverse global health issues, **maintains significant student interest in a unique fashion**, and has **produced positive impacts** on the McMaster community.

The Student International Health Initiatives (SIHI) is a McMaster University student organization whose mission is to **raise awareness regarding both local and global health issues**. SIHI aims to educate students about the organization of the current healthcare system in order to help them better navigate through the system, inspire students to make a difference in healthcare reform, and allow them to play a more prominent role in their communities. SIHI offers the unique opportunity of engaging directly with healthcare professionals from various jurisdictions, thus **prompting discussion and awareness that will foster future engagement** within the community and healthcare system.

In order to carry out these aims and objectives, various workshops and speaker series, culminating with a speaker conference will be implemented in hopes of reaching out to as many members of the McMaster and Hamilton communities as possible. **Over the past 13 years**, we have held an annual health conference at McMaster, which has allowed us to educate the McMaster and Hamilton community, promote awareness, and encourage constructive action concerning current health issues in the Hamilton area. In past years, topics such as **aboriginal health, effects of war and poverty on health, and cultural and social health perspectives**

of health care have attracted participants of diverse ages, philosophies, ethnicities, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

For this upcoming year, we will be hosting our 14th annual conference: **“Catalysts of Change: Inquiries into Social Determinants of Health”**. Our goal is to continue building this conference focused on key themes and issues in healthcare, while incorporating various workshops and speaker series throughout the term. We also wish to **supplement this with an integrative global health challenge** that encourages students to develop innovative thinking towards combatting global health concerns at large. By integrating professionals, keynote speakers, and students in workshops, presentations, and discussions, our goal is for participants to acquire a greater understanding of healthcare issues in Hamilton, across Canada, and around the world. We hope that further inquisition and inspiration will resonate long after the conference.

Healthcare is **multifaceted and interdisciplinary**. To holistically understand it, we must incorporate perspectives of various disciplines, including research, science, ethics, political science, sociology, engineering, and many more. The SIHI Annual Health Conference, combined with Workshops and a Global Health Challenge related to important issues in healthcare, allows for students of all faculties and interests to apply their knowledge and broaden their perspective through this interactive setting. We hope that these goals and visions set forth here will allow for **increased awareness and greater attention and action among the McMaster community**. We would welcome the opportunity to further elaborate on the aims and intentions of our club and look forward to discussing the different aspects of our club.

Sincerely,

The Student International Health Initiatives (SIHI) Executive Team

Keerthana Pasumarthi, Harshini Ramesh, Melissa Soon, Jack Yang

1) Who/What the club is about? What are its goals, purposes, intentions?

SURGE (Stimulating Undergraduate Research and Growth through community Engagement) challenges undergraduate students enrolled in Science, Health Science, Nursing, Engineering, Kinesiology, and Arts and Science to collaborate with one another to better understand and support McMaster students living with disabilities. Throughout the year, SURGE members will compete in teams consisting of students from diverse academic backgrounds to create devices that aim to improve the quality of life of McMaster student volunteers living with various physical and mental conditions.

SURGE hopes to create a space where students can participate in the interdisciplinary exchange of knowledge and applications of ideas in order to foster research and innovation in health care. By creating devices that aim to improve the quality of life McMaster students who live with disabilities, SURGE hopes for students to develop a greater appreciation of the diverse needs of individuals in the McMaster community. Through the positive spirit of collaboration and healthy competition, SURGE aims to create a space where students can develop leadership and mentorship skills.

2) Why is the club unique? What academic, culture, religion, recreational activity, or social issue does it represent/address that is not currently being represented/addressed?

SURGE is unique in relation to other McMaster Students Union clubs as it allows undergraduate students from a variety of academic disciplines to collaborate and create devices that directly improve the quality of life of fellow McMaster students. McMaster University prides itself with creating and developing the problem-based learning schema; SURGE creates a space for undergraduate students to participate in problem-based learning in a safe(r) and diverse setting.

SURGE addresses many academic and social issues in the McMaster community. In regard to academic issues, SURGE addresses the stimulation of interest in research in undergraduate students for the practical application of device innovation. Additionally, it creates a space for interdisciplinary research collaboration designed for undergraduate students. In regard to social issues, SURGE addresses the need to raise awareness around the challenges that McMaster students who live with disabilities face on a daily basis. We hope to work closely with the Student Accessibility Services on campus in order to ensure ethical and moral conduct.

3) How will the club contribute to the McMaster University student community?.

SURGE will directly impact the lives of McMaster students living with disabilities. We hope to closely work with students with disabilities in order to create devices that can improve their quality of life.

SURGE will foster interest in health care research in the McMaster undergraduate student community through its problem-based learning model. Additionally, SURGE will connect undergraduate students with students living with disabilities in hopes that they develop a greater understanding and appreciation of the challenges of living with disabilities as a student.

Dear Admission Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for a new student-led club within McMaster University. The McMaster Demystifying Medicine program was initiated to bring students from university or colleges outside their classroom into a community through a process that is very entertaining and effective. Celebrating essential themes such as knowledge mobilization, community engagement and the current role of social media, students enrolled in this club will have the opportunity to engage within their community by creating educational videos about a particular topic or issue that might affect a specific target audience or the global community in general. As a result of this, club members will gain essential skills in knowledge translation, at the same time, feel the need to improve the quality of lives of many living around them.

Initially modeled on a seminar series of the same name at the NIH (National Institute of Health), the McMaster Demystifying Medicine club encourages its member to attend and take part in broader educational seminars. In the public seminar series, seminars are organized around topical diseases and scientific concepts. Presentations usually include clinicians, patients and scientists, each providing a complementary perspective that helps the audience understand the topics developed. These seminars and videos are made public and free of charge through the use of social media platform such as YouTube. So far we have generated 1.4 million views worldwide, and local clinics and community partners continually approach us.

Despite these efforts to generate high quality, accessible and free of charge videos. The Demystifying medicine program also aims to improve the local community by actively donating fundraised money to local intuitive or societies.

I hope you will agree that our club vision does create a positive impact within the McMaster and greater Hamilton communities. We look forward to elaborating on how our vision and history will benefit McMaster.

Thank you for your consideration, please visit our website for more information at <http://demystifyingmedicine.ca/> , and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Yousif Eliya (President), and

The McMaster Demystifying Team

Dear the McMaster Student Union,

I am applying with the hopes of starting a new club called the McMaster Undergraduate Nursing Journal (MUNJ) for the winter of 2019. We are a new student-run, faculty supported, and peer reviewed undergraduate journal that aims to provide the undergraduate nursing student body an accessible opportunity to get published. It is incredibly difficult to get published, especially at the undergraduate level. We hope to break this barrier, while simultaneously promoting high quality scholarly writing and undergraduate research. We publish on a wide range of topics, which include but are not limited to, nursing research, nursing practice, current and controversial issues in nursing and healthcare, ethics, health policy, and global health. Moreover, the different types of articles we publish are research studies, literature reviews, opinion pieces, case studies, biographies or interviews, and coursework. We are currently partnered with the Meducator, the undergraduate health sciences journal.

The world of nursing is incredibly diverse. Nurses practice anywhere from hospitals, clinics, hospices, and homeless shelters to international governmental organizations. We can address academic, cultural, religious, and social issues insofar as we decide to focus on these topics in our articles. For example, academic nursing research is a relatively new phenomenon and is rapidly growing. Moreover, cultural and religious sensitivity when providing healthcare is incredibly important and is identified as a core competency for nursing practice. Lastly, nurses are at the forefront of many social issues, such as the current opioid crisis and refugee health. We would love the opportunity to highlight the work undergraduate nursing students may be doing in these important areas!

Currently, there is no undergraduate journal for the nursing program. Therefore, students conducting research or who want to share their educated opinion on issues in nursing or health care must publish through traditional means. This would be akin to publishing in a scholarly journal which is incredibly difficult and time consuming. This severely devalues and restricts the student body from getting their research and voice out there. We publish biannually with the Meducator, providing the undergraduate nursing body an accessible opportunity to be published at least twice per year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to differentiate ourselves from the Meducator. The Meducator is a certified MSU club, has their own budget, and publishes their own printed and online journal. We are currently partnered with them in that we publish our articles as a section in their journal. We have our own budget and are supported by the nursing faculty. Also, the content of our publications is vastly different. The Meducator focuses broadly on the field of health sciences and biomedical research. Our journal focuses specifically on nursing research and practice. This is why we thought a partnership would be so valuable. The Meducator covers the biomedical side of the health sciences but identified clinical research, experience, and practice as a major gap in their journal. We address this gap as the undergraduate nursing program has both clinical and community placements.

For all these reasons, we believe the McMaster Undergraduate Nursing Journal (MUNJ) is unique and will have a positive contribution to McMaster University by providing a voice for the nursing student body on various issues in healthcare.

Sincerely,

Daniel Kim, Co-Founder, Co-Editor in Chief.
The McMaster Undergraduate Nursing Journal (MUNJ)

Dear Sir/Madam,

ToThe9s is a club with the goal of creating a fun environment for anyone with a passion for fashion. We welcome models, photographers, filmmakers, designers and anyone who wants to explore their style and creativity. Fashion is a wonderful mode of expression and can be an incredible platform for social connection in an inclusive community. Currently, the MSU lacks a community and club for those to explore and engage in fashion. We believe that fashion represents a way to have fun with an essential piece of our daily lives. Our day to day outfits are truly a way to express ourselves. The members of ToThe9s are excited to begin a new chapter for McMaster and allow individuals to tap into their inner creativity. Research has shown that an individual's fashion can impact how they feel, often referred to as "enclothed cognition" (1). Clothes can be symbolic and provide the wearer a visceral experience.

We intend to hold events such as photoshoots and workshops. The aim of these events is to allow people who may have already established their style to show it off, but also for those who are still discovering their style or for anyone in between. Furthermore, workshops can provide advice and fun challenges for anyone who wishes to dive deeper into their fashion journey.

We want to incorporate our local community in our vision. We want to hire and collaborate with local photographers. We want to encourage the exploration of Hamilton for photo spots. We want to work with other like-minded groups. For example, we already have a collaboration with BHSc Multimedia in the making. We'd also like to collaborate with other multimedia clubs to further extend our influence and showcase fashion diversity within McMaster.

Overall, we are confident that our driven personalities and creative vision will allow us to make a valuable contribution to the McMaster student community. We hope to have the opportunity to further discuss our ideas and thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

To The 9s

Citation

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COVERletter19

Attn: MSU Clubs Administrator

Dear Sir/Madam,

WEAO McMaster is applying for club status because we believe we satisfy all the requirements set out as an MSU club. We are **UNIQUE**, because we are a student chapter of the Water Environment Association of Ontario. We are readily **DISTINCTIVE** because we connect McMaster students with professionals who work in the water and wastewater industry specifically. We generate significant student interest, as evidenced by our successful events. An example of events can be found on our fb page in the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/macweao/posts/>

WEAO McMaster student chapter connects McMaster students with professionals in the water/wastewater/environment fields. WEAO is an organization that encourages communication between professionals on projects, new developments etc. They organize social and academic events where you can meet new professionals (usually engineers with less than 10 years of working experience) as well as "conditioned" professionals (the rest) and learn what's new and exciting in the field/research.

We believe our club will help inspire McMaster students to join the water and wastewater fields, in a science or engineering-related capacity. The students will help raise awareness on water scarcity and come up with solutions to face this problem. The club will also help students increase their knowledge of careers available in the water and environment industry and provide networking opportunities for members to interact with professionals in that industry.

Sincerely,

Jude Sleiman
President, WEAO McMaster student chapter 2018-19