



# Undergraduates of Canadian Research-Intensive Universities



**Office of The VP External Affairs**  
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# About

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- An informal coalition of student associations whose mandate is to advocate to the Canadian federal government for an **affordable, inclusive and high-calibre undergraduate university education** with opportunities for increased access to undergraduate research.
- Began in **2015** to advocate on issues that disproportionately and uniquely affect undergraduates from **Canada's U15 universities**
- Represents **over 250,000 university students** across Canada.





**Ad Hoc Organization**



**Coalition of U15 schools  
collaborating on Federal Advocacy  
and more**



**Chair of Governance Committee**

# Members

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1. Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver
2. University of Manitoba Students' Union
3. University Students' Council of Western
4. Students' Society of McGill University
5. McMaster Students Union
6. University of Toronto Students' Union
7. Alma Mater Society of Queen's University
8. University of Saskatchewan Students' Union
9. Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO  
STUDENTS' UNION



# 2019 -2020 Priorities

- Indigenous Students
- Tax Credit Allocation
- Undergraduate Research Funding
- International Students
- Copyright Act



# Current Work

- **Governance Committee (as Chair)**
  - Formalization
  - Finalizing bylaws and policy procedures
  - Incorporation



# Website

[ucru.ca](http://ucru.ca)



Questions?