

**GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL (GEC)**  
**Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee**  
**2026-2027 Membership**

**Ex-officio membership:**

| Name                             |                    | Position                                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mihaela Harmos                   | ex officio (Chair) | Postdoctoral Services Coordinator, SGPS                                                                                                         |
| Kamran Siddiqui                  | ex officio         | Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)                                                                                                |
| Jamie Baxter                     | ex officio         | One Associate Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)                                                                                  |
| Lise Laporte                     | ex officio         | Director, Western International (or designate)                                                                                                  |
| Valerie Oosterveld               | ex officio         | One Associate Vice-President, Research (or designate)                                                                                           |
| Opiyo Oloya<br>Christy Bressette | ex officio         | One Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, and/or Associate Vice-President, Office of Indigenous Initiatives (or designate) |

**Elected/Appointed membership:**

| Name                                     | Title                                                               | Constituency                                 | Elected/Appointed By:      |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Juan Manuel Diaz Villasenor              | President of the Postdoctoral Association at Western                | Two Postdoctoral Scholars **                 | Graduate Education Council |
| Abdurrashid Haruna                       | Vice-President, Internal of the Postdoctoral Association at Western |                                              | Graduate Education Council |
| Nica Borradaile (Schulich)               | Associate Dean, Graduate                                            | Four Associate Deans, Graduate **            | Graduate Education Council |
| Laura Murray (Health Sciences)           | Associate Dean, Graduate                                            |                                              | Graduate Education Council |
| Lars Rehmann (Engineering)               | Associate Dean, Graduate                                            |                                              | Graduate Education Council |
| Elizabeth Webb (Science)                 | Associate Dean, Graduate                                            |                                              | Graduate Education Council |
| Jessica Grahm (Brain and Mind Institute) | Acting Chair, Brain and Mind Steering Committee                     | One Director of a Western Research Institute |                            |

**Additional non-voting members (as required):**

| Name        |  | Position            |
|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Marsha Lace |  | SGPS Staff Resource |

*\*\* Every effort must be made to have an equitable and transparent process for identification of candidates, to ensure breadth of disciplinary representation and that the elected/appointed members reflect Western's commitment to Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Decolonizing-Indigenization.*