

Anthony Cruz

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- Chair of the GradCast Committee
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Why I'm Running

I am the first person in my family to attend graduate school. I couldn't be here without the support I've received from university scholarship and mentorship opportunities.

I want more people to have access to these opportunities.

Relevant Experience

GradCast Committee Chair

- Produced and hosted 22 GradCast episodes highlighting graduate students' academic activities across Western's various faculties.
- Worked intimately on The Scoop on SOGS, a mini-series highlighting the SOGS Executive, as well as an episode on the Pride Commissioner.
- Built a relationship with SGPS' Mark Wolfe to highlight students chosen for Inspiring Minds and to allow a more diverse array of academic activities to be represented on GradCast.

Academic Workshop Host

- Hosted two workshops on modern behavioural research methods at Western's annual Brainhack conference.

- Hosted a portable neuroimaging workshop at Western's biennial Inspiring Diversity in STEM conference, encouraging young scholars to explore new, exciting research areas.

Professional Service & Mentorship

- Supervised honours and independent study students as they developed and completed research projects in psychology.

Reviewed manuscripts for Western Undergraduate Psychology

Journal.

- Judged scholarly debates at the National High School Ethics Bowl.
- Served as a PSAC 610 Steward for the Department of Psychology.
- Coordinated Coffee Talk speakers at the Brain & Mind Institute.

Campaign Priorities

Growing the Academic Portfolio

- Deepen relationship between GradCast and campus partners, such as SGPS, to further promote graduate student activities.
- Use GradCast to promote more academic activities and opportunities, such as the Western Research Forum (WRF).
- Bring industry speakers and sponsors to the WRF.
- Increase awareness of the Peer Advisor for Academic Matters, an underused resource provided by SOGS.
- Ensure roles within the portfolio, such as the Peer Advisor for Academic Matters, have adequate transition documents.

Supporting Western's Scholars

- Collaborate with Advocacy portfolio on developing scholarships, workshops, and mentorship programs for equity-deserving groups.
- Work with Advocacy to streamline the OGS application process for international students.
- Increase funding for and awareness of the 125th Scholarship and the Academic Joint Fund.

Support Non-Academic Career Paths

- Work with campus partners to design and host workshops that help graduate students explore industry careers.
- Coordinate with Alan Shepard on the research and development of industry-oriented PhD programs at Western.
- Free French classes for graduate students interested in government work.