

BIOGRAPHY – Ermia Rezaei-Afsah

Ermia Rezaei-Afsah serves as the President of the University of Calgary Students' Union (SU), representing over 29,000 undergraduate students. In this role, he provides strategic leadership and oversees initiatives aimed at enhancing student life and supporting academic success.

Prior to his current role, Ermia served as Vice President Student Life for the SU, where he focused on improving campus services, supporting wellness programs, and fostering a stronger sense of community among students. During his tenure, he has worked on initiatives to improve healthcare access for students, advocating for expanded primary care and mental health resources. He also led the development of the affordable 'SU Quality Meal' program to address food insecurity on campus.

Ermia is pursuing a double major in History and Anthropology with a minor in Latin American Studies at the University of Calgary. His academic focus on Middle Eastern and Latin American histories, particularly in medical and cultural history, complements his practical understanding of diverse cultural contexts.

In addition to his work at the SU, Ermia serves as Vice Chair Membership for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA), where he collaborates with student leaders nationwide to shape policies improving post-secondary education access and outcomes. He is also actively involved in the University of Calgary Pluralism Initiative, which aims to foster inclusive and equitable spaces through research, dialogue, and innovative programming that bridges diverse perspectives and promotes collaboration.