

Student Fellow Campaign Guidelines

Eligibility. Any student who is enrolled full-time in a degree program at Weill Cornell Medical College (NY or Qatar) or the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences, and who expects to be so enrolled for the 3-year term as Student Fellow, is eligible to apply.

Nomination Requirements. Nominees must attend an information session (or have a designee attend in their place) and submit a 1-page candidate statement with a photo, description of past accomplishments and their interest in the Student Fellow position and goals if elected. To qualify for the 2021 election, statements must be submitted via this [Qualtrics Survey](#) by 11:59 pm EST on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Campaign Process.

Election Calendar

- The nomination period runs March 2 - 18.
- Candidate validation day – March 19.
- The official campaign period runs March 22 - April 5.
- Zoom Candidate Debate – March 24.
- Meet the Candidates opportunities
 - GSEC meeting – Wed., March 10.
 - MSEC meeting – Thurs., March 25.
 - MSEC-Q meeting – Wed., March 31.
- Online voting runs 7 calendar days, April 6 - 12.
- Candidate Expenditure forms due to Board of Fellows (BoF) office – April 8, by email to (secretary@med.cornell.edu).

Election website: <https://studentservices.weill.cornell.edu/student-life/student-overseer-election>

- Candidate statements – originals; mid-cycle updates
- Link to Candidate Debate recording
- Campaign Guidelines
- Essential web and email links

Campaign communications

Institution-sponsored communications

1. *Candidate Debate.* There will be a debate among the candidates on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 pm EST. The debate will be hosted on Zoom, recorded and shared with the student body. Each candidate will have 2 minutes for opening and closing statements. There will also be time devoted to questions from the current Student Fellow, as well as students in attendance.
2. *Sponsored Meet the Candidates events.* Students interested in running are welcome to attend and introduce themselves at March GSEC, MSEC, and MSEC-Q meetings.

Candidate-sponsored communications

1. Direct campaigning is limited to the official campaign period -- March 22 - April 5.
2. Candidates may use social media, including Zoom, to promote their campaigns.

3. To further elucidate their priorities and platforms, each candidate may issue an optional, formal mid-cycle statement. Statements will be collected by the BoF office, and distributed together to the WCMC (NY), WCM-Q, and WCGS students on **March 31**. Update statements of no more than 500 words must be submitted by email to secretary@med.cornell.edu by 1 pm EDT on **March 29**.

Conditions of Candidacy

Media vehicles. Candidates and their supporters may not post any campaign-related communications on WCM institutional listservs or sites.

Campaign expenditures

- Each candidate (combined with any supporters) may not exceed a total of \$50 for out-of-pocket spending and donated materials and services. Candidates must submit a Candidate Expenditure Statement Form with combined receipts to the Board of Fellows office by the deadline specified in the Election Calendar.
- Candidates may be reimbursed for up to the full \$50 of allowable out-of-pocket campaign expenses (e.g., photocopies, web hosting fees) provided records are properly submitted on the Candidate Expenditure Statement Form.