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
  - MSEC meeting – Thurs., March 25.
- 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](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.