



CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR STUDENT FELLOW

TYLER WILLS

Hi! My name is Tyler Wills and I'm a second-year student in the MD-PhD program and the current Vice President of the MD class of 2026. I'm originally from California, and in my free time, I like to do aerial acrobatics, figure skate, cook, and play perhaps a few too many video games.



PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE



- Class of 2026 VP
- 2023 Revisit Organizer
- Eye2Eye Co-Director
- UV&Me Exec Board
- Camp Phoenix Exec Board



AS VP

I've been dedicated to promoting community bonding events. I was the principal organizer for the first post-pandemic in-person Revisit for the accepted MD students, and I helped organize many other special events, including PA-MD mixers, Pie for Pi Day 2023, and cAMP 2023. I'm passionate about creating spaces where students of all years and programs can interact and build a community where everyone feels like they belong.



OTHER PROJECTS

I worked with the Office of Student Life to reinstate the White Coat ceremony live stream in 2023 so friends and families who otherwise wouldn't have been able to attend could join and celebrate their loved ones. I've also been working with students and faculty to reassess and expand the curriculum to be more inclusive of a diverse patient population, especially concerning gender-diverse patients and the topic of gender-affirming care.

WHY DO I WANT TO BE A STUDENT FELLOW?



As an MD-PhD student, I am part of both the medical school and the graduate school communities. I am excited for the Student Fellow position's unique opportunity to advocate for all of my peers as a unified community, promoting the unique needs of all our many student populations. The relationships I've built in the past year and a half, as I partnered with faculty and staff across Admissions (Revisit), Educational Events (class council and cAMP), Student Life (Pi Day and White Coat), Student Diversity (Camp Phoenix), and MedEd (curriculum changes), make me the best equipped to work within institutional policy to advocate for student needs. I look forward to using these resources to create a more unified community with more opportunities to collaborate and with a greater institutional focus on student wellness and mental health.

GOALS FOR THE POSITION



PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

The past year has been a challenging time for the Weill Cornell student population – many students feel unheard, unsafe when publicly expressing their needs, and unsupported by the Weill Cornell administration. This is unacceptable, and I will work avidly to create more avenues for students to express themselves and their needs without fear of repercussions. I also plan to continue my endeavors to expand the gender-affirming care curriculum for both MD and PA students.



STUDENT WELLNESS

As Student Fellow, I plan to expand the resources available to all of our campuses to promote both physical and mental health. Namely, I plan to expand the number of available practitioners and the hours in which students have access to care. I also believe our leadership can do more to ensure that students have more protected time outside of school to take care of themselves and their needs, and I plan to make that a reality.

DEVELOPING COMMUNITY

I will work with students and admin to enhance the ties between students of all programs. I plan to increase the number of community bonding events and interinstitutional clubs to help students of all years and programs to promote wellness, a sense of belonging, and community for all students.

Email me at tjw4003@med.cornell.edu or join me on Zoom!

March 23 at 5pm, March 27 at 7pm, and March 28 at 11am
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