

## **Statement of Objectives: GPSS Vice President of Finance Application**

My name is Anushka Sunil Bhagchandani, and I am excited to formally express my intent to run for the position of Vice President of Finance at GPSS for the 2025–2026 academic year. Having actively participated in GPSS initiatives and collaborated across various university organizations, I am eager to bring my passion for student advocacy, financial transparency, and strategic planning to this critical role.

Over the past year, I have engaged in multiple leadership, budgeting, and operational roles that align with the responsibilities of this office. As a Research Assistant in the iSchool for two quarters, I handled data-intensive administrative tasks and budget coordination for research operations—experiences that refined my attention to financial detail and record-keeping. My experience co-organizing an event between GPSS and the iSchool also familiarized me with cross-departmental funding and logistics, and gave me a strong understanding of how financial decisions directly impact student engagement.

Additionally, I served as an elected member of the Association of Information Management Students (AIMS), helping to plan and execute 11+ events, including iGala, Diwali, and Sports Day—each requiring careful budget planning and resource allocation. I have worked with diverse student organizations and understand how to make funding processes transparent, equitable, and effective. I've also served as the iSchool representative for Sky@UW, leading four collaborative events while managing modest budgets to maximize impact.

Beyond event coordination, I currently mentor students through the CSEED Build Space Initiative and was recently selected as a member of the 2024–2025 WELead (Women in Leadership) cohort at UW. These roles reflect my long-standing commitment to values-based

leadership and empowering my peers through efficient planning and transparent communication.

I recognize that the Vice President of Finance plays a crucial role in maintaining GPSS's financial health, overseeing the annual budget, and supporting student organizations through the Special & Travel Allocations process. With a foundation in data management, cross-org collaboration, and real-world budgeting, I am confident in my ability to serve as a transparent steward of GPSS's financial operations.

I'm passionate about building a more informed, accessible, and student-centered financial process. I look forward to continuing the work of previous finance officers while contributing fresh ideas that serve the needs of our diverse graduate and professional student community. I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anushka Sunil Bhagchandani