

OLIVIA LAI

**SUO GENERAL
ELECTION 2026**

President Candidate





A mentor once said, “the only thing stopping you from success is yourself, so take that leap” Olivia Lai is a dedicated student leader, community builder, and advocate running to serve as your President of the Student’s Union Okanagan. A third-year Political Science student at UBC Okanagan, Olivia has spent nearly three years representing students through meaningful advocacy, collaborative leadership, and a deep commitment to trust and service. She is fighting and advocating for you.

She began as a volunteer on the SUO Campaigns Committee, later serving as Faculty Representative for Arts and Social Sciences, and now as Vice-President External. Through her work with the BC Federation of Students and BC3, Olivia has lobbied with 15 universities and colleges across British Columbia to represent over 250,000 students. Her priority is to be a voice for the Okanagan at the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia. This past year she met with Premier David Eby and the Minister of Post-Secondary, Jessie Sunner, advocating to protect the 2% tuition limit, address affordability concerns, and confronting chronic public underfunding in post-secondary education.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-post-secondary-review-9.6992324>

Working alongside provincial and national partners, she also helped secure \$40 million in Youth Climate Jobs funding in the federal budget priority, creating real opportunities for young people across Canada.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2025/11/minister-hajdu-highlights-budget-2025-investments-to-support-youth-employment.html>

Olivia’s leadership is grounded in tangible impact and resilience. She founded SUO Community Meals, helping serve more than 10,000 meals, secured over \$45,000 in external sponsorships, and advocated for more than \$1.2 million in food-security support. She has strengthened international student resources, expanded career supports, and worked across campus and community to enhance the student experience. Above all, Olivia believes leadership begins with listening, and an act of good faith. Her vision for President is rooted in restoring trust, protecting affordability, and ensuring every student feels supported, safe, and connected to a thriving campus community.

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