



Carleton University Ancillary Fee Referenda – Writ of Election (2025)

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Important note: this question is being posed to undergraduate engineering students.

The Carleton Student Engineering Society (CSES) is a volunteer-run student society providing undergraduate engineering students with academic, professional, and social resources to support their experience at Carleton, including conference delegations, engineering competitions, a textbook library, and Leonardo's Lounge. Additionally, CSES' contributions to the Kostiuk Engineering Funding Collective directly fund capstone projects, student clubs, and design teams. In addition to these existing services, the Carleton Academic Mentorship Program for Engineering and Design is a new initiative meant to uplift students through peer mentoring.

The existing \$19 per term CSES fee is no longer sufficient to maintain current services, due to rising operational expenses and inflation. CSES is proposing a \$16 per term increase to the fee to support current services, introduce new academic support for students, and enable the long-term growth of the Society.

Question:

Do you support increasing the existing \$19 per term CSES fee by an additional \$16 per term - for a total of \$35 per term - starting in Fall 2026, pro-rated for part-time students, and adjusted annually to the Consumer Price Index?

Undergraduate Students
YES and NO vote: A YES vote <u>supports</u> the increase to the CSES fee, starting in fall of 2026. A NO vote <u>does not support</u> the increase to the CSES fee, starting in fall of 2026. Budget:

Per the University's referendum protocol, there shall be only one YES committee and one NO committee. The CEO will grant each committee a credit allowance up to the maximum of \$400.

Each committee must prepare a final, complete, and accurate report of all expenditures made, including all receipts, and other evidence of expenditures to be submitted to the CEO before the polls close on November 13, 2025.

Campaign Period:

The campaign period will begin on Monday, October 27, 2025 at noon (12:00pm), with the last day of campaigning ending on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 11:59pm.

Voting Days:

Voting days will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, and Thursday, November 13, 2025.

Polling:

Voting will be held online. All ballots will be conducted electronically and sent to students' University-issued email account.

Further Information:

All enquiries or concerns regarding the referendum, campaigning, polling process, and conduct should be referred to the CEO via e-mail: melaniechapman@cunet.carleton.ca.

Campaign rules and referendum protocol will be posted on the website (see below) prior to the commencement of the campaign period.

Website:

Please visit the referendum website for additional information. The site will be updated with details as they become available.

<https://students.carleton.ca/referendum>