

Join Dal's African Nova Scotian Strategy Advisory Council

Are you a current Dal student who identifies as African Nova Scotian? Are you interested in connecting with members of the African Nova Scotian community, providing input on upcoming initiatives and gaining valuable experience in the areas of policy development and equity? If so, submit an application to join Dal's African Nova Scotian Strategy Advisory Council.

The Advisory Council is composed of dedicated community leaders, some of whom are also Dalhousie students, staff, and faculty members. The role of the Advisory Council is to oversee the implementation of the African Nova Scotian Strategy (the Strategy) recommendations and to build upon them at the university. You can read more about Advisory Council and the Strategy here: dal.ca/ans-strategy

The Opportunity

The Advisory Council is looking for 1 current Dal student to join its membership. Central to the need for the Strategy, and the foundation of the Strategy itself, is the understanding that African Nova Scotians are a distinct people. The Strategy sets out the need for a proactive approach to increasing support for African Nova Scotian students, staff, and faculty at Dal. Having the student voice well represented within the Advisory Council remains critical to this work. **An honorarium will be provided to the student member for their participation.**

The Commitment

The Advisory Council meets on the third Friday of every month, from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. All meetings take place online via Zoom with the exception of the November and June meetings which are in-person. Please note that there are no meetings held during the months of December, February, July and August.

How to Apply

If you're a current Dal student and identify as African Nova Scotian, please submit a maximum 1 page letter, or 1 to 2 minute video outlining:

- » Your program, year of study and projected graduation date.
- » Why you want to join the Advisory Council, and what skills and/or experience you will bring to the group.
- » Which of the 52 land-based African Nova Scotian communities that you are connected to via lineage, and briefly describe that connection. If you are unable to name a particular community, please explain why.
- » Apart from lineage, please indicate the other ways that you connect and engage with African Nova Scotian people or communities.

Please submit your application letter and any questions to jalana.lewis@dal.ca no later than Friday, September 27, 2024.



African Nova Scotians / Indigenous Blacks are a distinct people who descend from free and enslaved Black planters, Black loyalists, Black refugees, Maroons and other Black people who inhabited the original 52 land-based Black communities in that part of Mi'kma'ki known as Nova Scotia.