

# Constitution of Google Developer Group - UTSC

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## Article I – Name and Purpose

- 1.1 The official name of the Campus Group will be **Google Developer Group - UTSC**.
  - 1.2 The campus group may be referred to by the acronym **GDG - UTSC**.
  - 1.3 The purpose of **GDG - UTSC** is to empower undergraduate students from any background to **grow** their knowledge in technology, **unite** with like-minded peers of the Google community, and **impact** their community by building solutions for real-world problems.
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## Article II – Membership

- 2.1 The group shall maintain a list of group members.
  - 2.2 Voting membership is open to all registered students of the University of Toronto.
  - 2.3 Voting membership is open only to registered students of the University of Toronto.
  - 2.4 Non-voting membership is open to University of Toronto staff, faculty, alumni, and to persons from outside the University. Unless otherwise stated, non-voting members do not hold any rights awarded to voting members.
  - 2.5 The membership fee will be \$0.0 per year.
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## Article III – Rights of Members

- 3.1 All members may apply for a full refund of their membership fee within one (1) month of becoming a member.
- 3.2 All voting members have a right to attend all general meetings of members.
- 3.3 All voting members have a right to cast votes at all general meetings of members.
- 3.4 All voting members have a right to stand for election unless otherwise stated in this document.
- 3.5 All voting members have a right to cast votes in all group elections and referenda.
- 3.6 All voting members have a right to propose and vote on amendments to this constitution. The rights prescribed in Article Three are not awarded to non-voting members as described in Article Two.

## **Article IV – Executive Committee**

- 4.1 The term for all positions on the Executive Committee shall be from May 1st to April 30th.
  - 4.2 The Executive Committee shall be comprised of 5 voting members.
  - 4.3 All voting members of the Executive Committee must be currently registered students of the University of Toronto.
  - 4.4 Non-voting members may hold only non-voting positions on the Executive Committee.
  - 4.5 The maximum number of non-voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be one (1) position or ten per cent (10%) of the positions on the Executive Committee, whichever is greatest.
  - 4.6 Persons holding non-voting positions on the Executive Committee cannot serve as an officer, financial authority, signing authority, primary contact, or secondary contact.
  - 4.7 No person may serve as a financial authority or signing authority for the group if they are currently serving as a financial authority or signing authority for another recognized student group at the University of Toronto.
  - 4.8 The Executive may appoint Directors or Coordinators for various committees who do not hold executive decision-making authority and are not eligible to cast votes at meetings of the Executive Committee.
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## **Article V – Elections**

- 5.1 All voting positions on the Executive Committee shall be filled through an annual election by the outgoing chairs.
- 5.2 Non-voting group members shall not be eligible to cast a ballot for any elected position.
- 5.3 The nominee winning the plurality of votes cast in the election by the leads for each position shall be deemed the winner.
- 5.4 On the condition that multiple candidates are to be elected for a single position, the nominees winning the largest share of the votes cast shall be deemed the winners until all positions are filled.
- 5.5 The elections must be held in a non-biased manner. No individual who is seeking election may participate in planning or administering the election.
- 5.6 For all unfilled positions, the remaining officers will share the duties and responsibilities until someone can be found to fulfill the positions(s) through a by-election and vote of simple majority (50% + 1).

## **Article VI – Termination of Membership**

- 6.1 The Executive Committee may revoke the membership of any member of the club who commits an act negatively affecting the interests of the club and its members, including non-disclosure of a significant or continuing conflict of interest.
- 6.2 A vote to revoke membership must be held at a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- 6.3 A two-thirds majority of the Executive Committee is required to approve any motion to revoke membership.
- 6.4 Any member facing removal shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Executive Committee to the general membership.
- 6.5 In the case of an appeal, a simple majority vote at a meeting of the general membership shall be required to sustain the revocation of membership.
- 6.6 Following a termination of membership, the member will be removed from the club's membership and will lose any privileges associated with being a member of the club.
- 6.7 Executive Committee members are subject to the same termination of membership process as general members.
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## **Article VII – Amendments**

- 7.1 All constitutional amendments shall require a 2/3 majority vote to be passed at a general meeting.
- 7.2 All voting members may propose and vote on amendments to the constitution.
- 7.3 The Executive Committee shall submit the revised constitution to staff in the Student Life programs office at the University of Toronto Scarborough within two (2) weeks.
- 7.4 Amendments to the constitution shall take effect only once the revised constitution has been approved by staff in the Student Life programs office at the University of Toronto Scarborough.
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## **Article VIII – Executive Team**

- 8.1 The President(s) of the club will be elected by Google during an application period in the Summer of each year, who will be referred to as the GDG on Campus Organizer, GDG Lead, Lead or President.
- 8.1.1 The GDG Lead must independently apply and be selected through Google's hiring system to ensure fairness and professionalism standards, and to comply with GDG's global requirements.
- 8.1.2 The Lead may remove any member or executive if they have engaged in unlawful actions or activities, violated the constitution, violated University of Toronto policies, procedures, or

guidelines, violated the rights of a fellow member, or not fulfilled their organizational responsibilities.

8.2 In accordance with Article IV, the term for all executive members shall be from May 1st until April 30th, except the GDG Lead, who will continue to be the Lead unit Google has chosen as a new one during the summer of each year or they resign.

8.3 The executive team is collectively responsible for the day-to-day decision-making of the organization including but not limited to monitoring finances, event planning and execution, member services, and advocating on behalf of members to Administration and student government.

8.4 The executive team will be structured as follows:

**8.4.1 Administrator Team**

Responsible for the Management & Coordination Of Club Events, Meetings, & Activities, Collaboration, Direction & Goal Setting, Delegation & Monitoring, and Resource Management.

**8.4.2 Academics Team**

Responsible for the Educational Initiatives & Workshops Coordination, Facilitation Of Professor-student Research Projects, and Execution Of The AI & Machine Learning Curriculum.

**8.4.2.1 Vice-President(s) of Academics**

Leads academic strategy, oversees project collaborations, ensures curriculum execution, and reports the team's performance in weekly meetings.

**8.4.2.2 Directors of Academics**

Support workshop planning, assist in coordinating professor-student projects, and contribute to developing the AI & Machine Learning curriculum.

**8.4.3 Partnerships Team**

Will be responsible for Industry Partnerships & Sponsorship, University & Club Collaboration, External Relations Management, and Industry Outreach Efforts.

**8.4.3.1 Vice-President(s) of Partnerships**

Leads partnership strategies, manages sponsor relationships, coordinates collaborations with universities and clubs, oversees external relations.

**8.4.3.2 Directors of Partnerships**

Create sponsorship packages, Outreach to industry & university partners, Coordinate club and external collaborations, Secure guest speakers.

**8.4.4 Operations Team**

Will be responsible for the Logistics Management, Event Planning & Execution, Club Record Keeping, Budget & Finances Management, and Membership Relations.

#### **8.4.4.1 Vice-President(s) of Finances**

Manages club finances, tracks budget allocations, and handles reimbursements.

#### **8.4.4.2 Vice-Presidents(s) of Operations**

Leads event planning & execution, delegates tasks, and oversees logistics.

#### **8.4.4.3 Directors & Associates of Operations**

Support event setup, assist in planning and execution, enhance organized record keeping, aid in budget management, and contribute to fostering positive membership interactions.

#### **8.4.5 Technology Team**

Will be responsible for the Development & Maintenance of Club Tools, Technical Infrastructure, Platform Management, and Innovation through Emerging Technologies.

##### **8.4.5.1 Vice-President(s) of Technology**

Oversees all technical operations, ensures reliability of club platforms, manages internal tool development, and delegates tasks to directors. Reports team progress and technical needs in weekly meetings.

##### **8.4.5.2 Directors of Technology**

Support system setup and maintenance, contribute to developing club websites, tools, or applications, assist with platform integrations, ensure smooth event technology execution, and research emerging technologies to enhance club initiatives.

#### **8.4.6 Marketing Team**

Will be responsible for the Content Creation, Branding & Design, Event Promotion, Social Media Management, and Member Engagement.

##### **8.4.6.1 Vice-President(s) of Marketing**

Oversees team coordination, task delegation, and club promotion, brand consistency, and performance reporting in weekly meetings.

##### **8.4.6.2 Directors of Marketing**

Manage social media, visual content creation, support content development, archive club activities, and interact with members to boost engagement.

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### **Article IX – Finances**

9.1 The Treasurer, Vice-President(s) of Finances, shall keep an active record of income and expenses.

9.2 The Treasurer shall present the group's updates on the group's financial position at annual general meetings.

9.3 The Executive Committee must approve all expenditures over \$100.00 through a majority vote at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

- 9.4 The group may not engage in activities that are essentially commercial in nature.
- 9.5 The group will not have as a major activity a function that makes it an on-campus chapter of a commercial organization.
- 9.6 The group will not provide services and goods at a profit when that profit is used for purposes other than those of the group.
- 9.7 The group will not pay salaries to any of its officers.