

Phalguni Mukhopadhyaya

Statement of Candidacy

I was first elected to Senate in 2019 and reelected in 2022, and I have served as an active member of the Faculty Association (FA) since 2019. Throughout these roles, I have worked consistently and collaboratively to advance the interests of both students and faculty. My contributions span several Senate and FA committees, where I have focused on strengthening academic governance, improving processes, and supporting an equitable and inclusive environment. I am also a founding member of the FA BPOC Caucus, where I continue to advocate for meaningful representation and systemic change.

My commitment to service is rooted in core values that guide my professional life: diversity, efficiency, equity, fairness, inclusiveness, integrity, and transparency. Whether contributing to policy development, committee deliberations, or community initiatives, I have always aimed to help our institution grow stronger, more inclusive, and more aligned with its academic mission.

I am seeking your support to continue serving on the UVic Senate. This role offers a vital opportunity to both learn from and contribute to the university's efforts to enhance the quality of academic programs, strengthen shared governance, and promote equity, diversity, and inclusion across our academic community. I would be honored to continue this work on your behalf.

Biography

After doing PhD in Civil Engineering from the University of Sheffield (UK) and postdoctoral research assignments, over a period of 2 years, in UK, Germany and Canada, Phalguni's professional career started with the National Research Council of Canada (NRCC), Ottawa, Ontario in 1999. In 2015, Phalguni moved to the University of Victoria to be a professor in the newly established Civil Engineering Department.

Early in his professional journey, he received recognitions from the Institution of Civil Engineers (UK) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (USA), as well as an Industrial Partnership Award from NRC-Construction (Canada). These recognitions and awards affirmed the applied, industry-focused foundation of his research work.

Over the years, he has been honored multiple times by ASTM International, including being named Professor of the Year and receiving several Awards of Honor/Appreciation. These recognitions highlight his commitment to leadership in standards development and to advancing knowledge transfer between research and practice.

His contributions to insulation science and technology have been acknowledged globally, earning him distinctions such as the Global Insulation Award and Lifetime Achievement Awards from international insulation forums across North America, Europe, and Asia.

Phalguni has been elected a Fellow of the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (FCSCE), the Canadian Academy of Engineering (FCAE), and Engineers Canada (FEC). Additional honors, including the Walter Shanley Award (CSCE), the Meritorious Achievement Award (EGBC), and the UVic REACH Research Impact Award, highlight the enduring, cross-sector influence of his work and his sustained commitment to research and development that serves the public interest.