

Robyn Giffen
Graduate Student Senate Representative

Robyn Giffen is a PhD student in Curriculum and Instruction in the Faculty of Education. Her focus is Indigenous language revitalization and her research will evaluate methods for teaching and learning Indigenous languages in revitalization contexts. Robyn has a Master's degree in linguistic anthropology from UBC. While completing her Master's degree Robyn served as a graduate student representative on the Student's Union, Senate, and Board of Governors. Before beginning her PhD, Robyn spent four years teaching anthropology courses at UBC Okanagan and online at Yukon College. Robyn is proud to be a student at the University of Victoria and grateful to be a settler in Lekwungen territory while she pursues her education.

Robyn wants to improve student experiences in the graduate program at the University of Victoria, and believes that representing graduate students on Senate is the best way to do this. During her time as a graduate student, Robyn has developed an understanding of the challenges that graduate students face and in this position she will strive to ensure that the voices of graduate students are heard in Senate. She is looking forward to the opportunity to represent her fellow graduate students and contribute to the continual improvement of graduate studies at the University of Victoria.