



## Get to know University Councillor Petra Fachinger: (Senate Appointee)



Petra Fachinger (English Department and Graduate Program in Cultural Studies) specializes in Canadian literature, diaspora studies, Indigenous literatures, and environmental humanities. She has served on numerous Queen's University committees, including the Academic Planning Task Force 2011 and the Joint Board–Senate Principal Search Committee in 2018. She currently chairs the Senate Educational Equity Committee (SEEC) and is a member of the Cultural Awareness Working Group reporting to the Aboriginal Council of Queen's University.

**1. Most memorable moment as a student?**

When, as an international PhD student, I received a UBC Killam Doctoral Scholarship, provided annually from the Izaak Walton Killam memorial Fund for Advanced Studies. Internationalization will only work if international graduate students are adequately funded.

**2. What's the best career advice you've ever received?**

"Be humble, but don't be too humble" 😊 (Dr. Patricia Merivale, English, UBC)

**3. What's the career highlight you're most proud of?**

Seeing my first PhD student graduate; two teaching awards received in 2019

**4. How do you spend your free time?**

Reading, cycling, hiking, and studying Anishinaabemowin

**5. What motivated you to stand for election for University Council?**

Making connections and being part of the broader Queen's community

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