

## Chinago (Faith) Ugwu Student Representative

**Term:** 2023-2024 (1st term)  
**Region:** Capital

### Biography



Faith Ugwu is a social work student with the MCSW and a current Bachelor of Social Work student at Booth University College. She was born in Nigeria and moved to Canada in 2016 with her family. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Foreign Languages and Literary Studies – French and has since been an ardent lover of languages and culture.

Faith started her career in Canada as a Bilingual-administrator with Altered Minds Inc. (AMI), a government-funded organization that offers orientation programs to refugees and new immigrants in Manitoba. As an administrator, Faith had the opportunity to meet many newcomers in Winnipeg from all over the globe and promote their well-being. One of Faith's primary roles was ensuring clients were equipped with the right information and community resources to thrive.

In her years of working with AMI, Faith became committed to addressing the personal and structural challenges that affected the diverse clients of AMI and their families. Faith's ability to support these families substantially was limited due to her role as an administrator. Her experience working with immigrants and refugees at AMI informed her desire to study social work. Faith subsequently worked as a unit administrator with Winnipeg Child and Family Services (WCFS). In her role, Faith supported the Executive Office, the Permanency Planning and Adoption Unit, the Prior Contact Unit, and the Family Support Unit.

Faith has recently completed her first practicum with Metis Child Family and Community Services (Metis CFCS), where she worked alongside Metis children and families. Faith gained insight into the impacts of intergenerational trauma on addiction treatment while working with Metis CFCS. Faith fostered partnerships with community service providers and developed skills in applying the CASW Code of Ethics and social work theories into practice. Faith is committed to life-long learning and continues to show interest in advocacy, social justice, and policy analysis. Faith is currently at Misericordia Health Centre - Transitional Care Unit for her second placement. She is excited to collaborate with professionals from other disciplines and integrate learnings from the classroom to provide psychosocial support to residents and their families.

Faith enjoys spending time with her sons, making crafts, sewing, or going for long walks outdoors when she is not studying.