OPEN CALL FOR BOARD CANDIDATES:
Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN)

The Network

Created in 2000, the Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) is Canada's premier research platform for the quantitative social sciences. It is a national research resource and Major Science Initiative headquartered at McMaster University. CRDCN facilitates unique access to Statistics Canada microdata for more than 2200 Canadian researchers in a wide array of social and health science disciplines. CRDCN is committed to research excellence, training of the next generation of highly qualified personnel, public policy innovation, and benefits to Canada through strategic partnerships. Over the coming years, supported by secure federal funding, the Network is projected to grow significantly in its researchers, data offerings, access sites, policy partners, and collaborative opportunities. Board members will play a vital leadership role as the Network pursues this transformational growth and heightens its profile and impact in the domestic and international research data ecosystem.

The Board

CRDCN's Board of Directors provides an essential combination of wise counsel and due diligence. Working with a central management team of 10 to 14 staff members, the Board helps ensure that strategic priorities are set and achieved. The Board contributes to the stewardship of Network funding provided primarily by the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, and 33 partner universities. It also catalyzes strategic partnerships to optimize Network performance and generate social, cultural, economic, environmental and health benefits across the country.

CRDCN's Board consists of 16 Directors – including the Vice-President of Research at McMaster University and the Assistant Chief Statistician, Strategic Engagement, at Statistics Canada; representatives of partner institutions; and external representatives from government and the non-profit and private sectors. The Board benefits from gender parity, multi-sector expertise, and a diversity of disciplinary, geographic and lived experience. A third of Board members speak both official languages.

The Opportunity

CRDCN has upcoming openings for Board members as of April 1, 2023. For all Board member positions, the CRDCN seeks strategic thinkers and innovative and collaborative leaders who are committed to the Network's mission and mandate. CRDCN currently welcomes applicants with expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Federal and/or provincial government administration
- Private sector experience, particularly IT and data infrastructure management

- Change management
- Financial management
- Government relations

Board members participate in three in-person or virtual day-long Board meetings per year and serve on at least one Board committee which meets virtually 3-4 times per year. Board members typically spend 2-4 hours reviewing documentation in advance of these meetings and contribute additional time as per their expertise and availability to help fulfil the Network's strategic objectives. Initial mandates are for three years, with possibility of renewal for a second three-year term.

The Application Process

If you are interested in joining CRDCN's Board, **please send your application by e-mail to info@crdcn.ca by September 9, 2022.**

Please include a detailed letter of interest and a resume outlining your relevant experience and qualifications. If you have previous governance experience, please include the name(s) of the organization(s) and year(s) served.

CRDCN is committed to equity, diversity and inclusion in all that we do. We seek to ensure that our governance and management structures reflect the demographic, ethno-cultural, linguistic, disciplinary and geographic characteristics of our research community and Canada at large. We encourage applicants to highlight any additional information about their background that would contribute to this diversity of perspective and lived experience at the Board table.