

College of Reviewers Chairs – Academic Candidate Selection Criteria

The criteria detailed below will be used for the Candidate Evaluation stage of the nomination process for the academic candidates and will be conducted by the external nominating committee which will focus on the expertise, peer review experience, qualities and characteristics of the candidate plus suitability for the role and motivation for applying. Following the Candidate Evaluation stage the external nominating committee will recommend a slate of up to 14 Chairs that ensures sufficient diversity of health research and knowledge translation expertise with demographically diverse membership (e.g., geography, language, gender, etc). The selection criteria for community candidates (knowledge users, commercialization and patients) are available upon request.

Leadership & Impact

- Recognized internationally for research **excellence and professional service** in their chosen field
- History of holding influential roles that would offer impacts **such as inspiring others, mobilizing communities, advancing the direction of a field**
- **Advanced knowledge** and/or its translation¹

¹ Knowledge Translation is defined as a dynamic and iterative process that includes synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically-sound application of knowledge to improve the health of Canadians, provide more effective health services and products and strengthen the health care system.

Knowledge of Health Research & Funding Landscape

- Strong **understanding of the health research** landscape and knowledge translation communities in Canada and abroad
- **Experienced peer reviewer** with knowledge of a variety of funding organizations in Canada and abroad in a diversity of roles
- **Understanding of the environment** in which Canadian health research is funded and managed, including a broad understanding of CIHR's mandate, values and principles and exposure to science on a broad spectrum

Personal Incentive & Commitment

- Strength of personal statement outlining how their experience, knowledge and motivations will positively impact the practice of peer review
- Commitment to championing the College of Reviewers with research communities, universities, hospitals, NGOs, health charities, governments, community organizations, patient groups, etc.
- Confirmation of time commitment