

CALL for Volunteer Experts to sit on NDRIO's Merit Review Selection Committee(s)

NDRIO is recruiting volunteer experts for its Merit Review Committees in preparation for NDRIO's upcoming two (2) funding opportunities (Inaugural Funding Opportunity ("IFO") and Cloud Computing Pilot ("CCP") Project) as well as for future calls over the next two years. The review and success of NDRIO's current and future calls depends on the involvement of experts from the Digital Research Infrastructure (DRI) ecosystem to review applications. It is highly desirable that volunteers from the DRI community submit their interest in supporting these initiatives.

Current Funding Opportunities

The IFO and CCP aims to build national research capacity and deliver on [NDRIO's mandate](#) to create a broad and integrated Canadian digital research infrastructure ecosystem. Specifically, these funding opportunities will address the needs of the research community related to DRI, while promoting an equitable and inclusive DRI environment in Canada. NDRIO seeks to bridge the gap between the four DRI pillars (i.e., Advanced Research Computing, ARC; Research Data Management, RDM; a Research Software, RS.) In keeping with NDRIO's values, the IFO also seeks to build a culture of collaboration and integration across the DRI environment in Canada. Therefore, both funding calls will be open to proposals from **all research disciplines**, and with strong encouragement for inter-provincial collaborations and multi-disciplinary partnerships.

Applications in digital humanities, social sciences, indigenous research and/or other research areas underutilizing the national DRI or underserved community will be strongly encouraged. NDRIO is looking to recruit experts from the First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous communities who are knowledgeable, understand and can speak to Indigenous issues in the DRI landscape, including Indigenous Data Sovereignty.

This request calls for volunteer subject matter experts in all the fields, disciplines, and areas of interest mentioned above, who are bilingual and unilingual French and English-speaking individuals from across Canada to come forward and provide their expertise and knowledge of DRI on these Merit Review Committees.

NDRIO's immediate need is to recruit experts for the IFO and CCP competitions. Both will be a two-step process, comprising a Letter of Intent ("LOI") and a Full Proposal. NDRIO is seeking experts to participate in both adjudication phases to take place in late fall/early winter 2021 and Spring 2022. Exact dates to be confirmed at a later date.

Workload: NDRIO cannot estimate the workload at this time. It will be assessed when the LOIs are received. However, NDRIO will ensure the workload is manageable by all parties involved in the selection process. Several reviewers will be assigned to the applications.

Bilingualism: Preference will be given to volunteers who are able to assess and understand applications in both official languages (read, write, comprehension), but unilingual volunteers are welcome to apply. Members are encouraged to participate in the proposal selection

committee meeting(s) via videoconferencing using the official language of their choice. French applications typically make up 10-15% of applications received.

The adjudication meetings are being planned to take place virtually and as such NDRIO is developing a light adjudication process, minimizing the time spent discussing applications virtually. Selected Merit Review Committee members will be asked to participate in Unconscious Bias training (approximately 45 minutes online to complete) and take part in a virtual on-boarding session and potentially additional training as required (e.g. OCAP training).

If you are interested in participating in NDRIO’s IFO and future call Merit Review Committees, please fill out the template below and email to submission-demandes@engagedri.ca.

Thank you
NDRIO staff

Template

First name, Last name of Volunteer	
Organization of Affiliation <i>(please indicate name of organization)</i>	
Faculty, Department, Other	
DRI expertise (ARC, RDM, RS) <i>(please identify all that apply)</i>	
Disciplines, field of expertise, <i>(please identify all that apply)</i>	
Languages (English and French) Bilingual: Y/N English Spoken: Y/N; Read:Y/N; Comprehension Y/N; Written Y/N; French Spoken Y/N; French Reading: Y/N; French Comprehension Y/N; French Writing Y/N;	
Availabilities <i>(please indicate all that apply)</i> LOI & FP : LOI only : FP only : Future calls:	
Do you plan on submitting an LOI application? Y/N	
Are you already involved with NDRIO? If yes, in what capacity?	