

## **New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO)**

**Role:** Researcher Council

**Location:** Anywhere in Canada

**Number of Council Seats:** 15-20

**Time Commitment:** Monthly meetings with a significant time commitment at the outset, given that this is a start-up organization

**Term:** Staggered terms of up to 3 years

**Compensation:** Volunteer position

**Application Deadline:** Sunday, August 23, 2020 (may be extended)

### **About NDRIO**

The New Digital Research Infrastructure Organization (NDRIO) is a national not-for-profit organization playing a critical role helping to advance the establishment of a researcher-focused, accountable, agile, strategic and sustainable Digital Research Infrastructure (DRI) ecosystem for Canadian researchers.

Established in 2019, we are working with other ecosystem partners and stakeholders across the country to help provide Canadian scholars and scientists with the digital tools, services and infrastructure they need to support leading-edge research, innovation and advancement across all disciplines.

Our mandate is critical to all of Canada's academic researchers, our country's ability to remain globally competitive, and our collective ability to benefit society as a whole.

### **Researcher Council Role Description**

The NDRIO Researcher Council is essential to establishing a researcher-centric culture of service to, and engagement with, researchers. The Researcher Council will make recommendations to the NDRIO Board and management on the delivery of DRI infrastructure and services. The Council will provide its assessment of the DRI landscape, strategic vision for the future of DRI needs of the research community, and serve as ambassadors for NDRIO's mandate, mission and vision. A seat on the Council is a prestigious opportunity to help shape the future of digital research infrastructure in Canada.

A well-rounded, robust and diverse Researcher Council is an important component of NDRIO's governance model, and part of the organization's By-Laws. To that end, a Researcher Advisory Group has been formed and is responsible for making recommendations on the best way to constitute a Researcher Council.

The Researcher Council will represent the diversity of the national research enterprise including: research discipline; institution; geographic and linguistic diversity; and will include established and emerging researchers.

We are seeking researchers to join the Council who are passionate about ensuring the Digital Research Infrastructure needs of the diverse researcher community are met. Members of the Researcher Council do not advocate for their own interests or respective disciplines, but rather represent the interests of all researchers. This is a prominent opportunity for researchers from all career stages to make a valuable impact on the way the DRI ecosystem supports Canadian researchers.

Responsibilities:

- Ensure that a diversity of researcher voices is represented to the NDRIO Board.
- Provide strategic advice to the Board on researcher needs.
- Work with NDRIO management at the operational level to develop a researcher needs assessment to ensure that researcher priority needs inform strategic plans, activities, and work planning.
- Provide the current and future context, and foresight for those identified researcher needs.
- Develop processes to engage researchers across disciplines to identify, synthesize and validate current and future priorities.
- Identification of needs includes prioritization of those needs in situations of limited resources.
- Establish a culture of service to, and engagement with, researchers.

Qualifications:

- Researcher at a University, College, Research Hospital and/or affiliate institution
- Experience in any one of the DRI domains (advanced research computing [ARC], research software [RS] or data management [DM]) is required
- Willingness to communicate with diverse research communities to provide needs assessments to the NDRIO Board and management
- Previous experience participating on a Board, Council or Advisory Committee
- Ability to negotiate competing interests in a productive manner with a large group and participate in advancing Council decisions
- Demonstrated strategic thinking
- Effective communication skills for internal and external stakeholders
- Proven commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion principles in the research community

If you're interested in being considered for a seat on the Researcher Council, [APPLY NOW](#). Applications will be accepted until **Sunday, August 23, 2020**.

For more information, please refer to our [FAQs](#).

*NDRIO is committed to principles of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) in its hiring processes and interactions and respects the rights and dignity of all its staff, Members and stakeholders.*

*Upholding EDI principles is of the utmost importance to the NDRIO Board, management and staff, as well as to our stakeholders including Members, researchers, the DRI community and the Government of Canada as our funder.*