

CCDS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Canadian Centre on Disability Studies (CCDS) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to realizing an inclusive and accessible society for all. CCDS is guided by, and works out of the values of inclusion, equity and participation. Increasingly CCDS draws upon the lens of capabilities, intersectionality, and inclusion in its partnership work with a broad spectrum of stakeholders. CCDS' vision includes enhancing the lived experiences of people living with disabilities in communities throughout Canada and abroad.

CCDS is seeking individuals from across Canada, with a broad range of backgrounds and social locations, who are interested in serving on our Board of Directors. CCDS' governs in a Policy Board model. The primary functions of the Board are: strategic planning, financial monitoring, and fundraising. Prospective board members must be committed to our vision, mission, and values and will be aware of historic, current, and emerging issues related to disability, inclusive but not limited to mental health.

The Board of Directors, in concert with the Executive Director, implement the Board's vision through the work of staff as directed by the Executive Director.

We are seeking board directors who will be responsible for:

- Providing stewardship of the organization and direction in alignment with the board's strategic plan
- Helping promote the organization's overall goals, values, and core knowledge, inclusive but not limited to global themes in disability issues
- Participating in board meetings and at least one Board Committee (four times per year)
- Contributing a minimum of 30 hours per year to serve as a board member.

Preferred Competencies include:

- Interest in CCDS, diverse disability communities, and contributing to an inclusive and accessible society for all
- Knowledge and practice of intersectionality, inclusion and reflexivity (i.e. self-awareness, critical thought, reflection, system thinking)
- An understanding, capacity and commitment to working respectfully and effectively within a diverse board and differently located stakeholder groups
- Readiness to devote time and effort to carrying out the duties as a Director of the Board
- Bilingual – English and French;
- Readiness to actively engage in fundraising for the organization;
- Personal and professional skills and experiences that will benefit the CCDS, and help meet its mission and achieve its vision;
- Experience with another governance board or governance education; and,
- Familiarity with knowledge mobilization would be an asset

Board members must hold active membership in CCDS. Board terms are three years and renewable for an additional three years.

CCDS supports equity, diversity and inclusion, and welcomes applications from people from historically marginalized and racialized communities. Nomination forms follow this notice. All nomination packages, including completed Nomination Form and Nominees resume or CV, must be returned to the CCDS office by no later than **Monday, July 23, 2018**.

A slate of candidates will be compiled, and ballots distributed to all CCDS members in good standing in August 2018. The 2018 Board of Directors will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on **Friday, September 14, 2018** in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

If a potential nominee wishes to learn more about CCDS, either before or after the nomination period, please contact Susan Hardie, CCDS Executive Director, 204-287-8411 x25, shardie@disabilitystudies.ca.