

Call for Applications: Inaugural Canadian Mountain Network Research Management Committee

Deadline - Monday September 16 at 5pmPT

Application Option #1 – Nominate Yourself

Email asykes@ualberta.ca with your resume or CV (no specified format) and a Microsoft Word document with 12pt font including the following information:

- 1) Your contact information
 - a) Full name
 - b) Street address
 - c) Phone number
 - d) Email address
- 2) Do you meet the definition of Independent member based on the definition in Appendix A of this Call for Applications? Yes or No.
- 3) Description of your motivations and objectives for serving on the committee and how your skills and experiences would support the development and implementation of the Network's research agenda (500 words max)

Application Option #2 – Nominate Someone Else

Email asykes@ualberta.ca with a Microsoft Word document with 12pt font including the following information:

- 1) Contact information
 - a) Nominator
 - i) Full name
 - ii) Phone number
 - iii) Email address
 - b) Nominee
 - i) Full name
 - ii) Phone number
 - iii) Email address
- 2) Describe how the individual's skills and experiences would support the development and implementation of the Network's research agenda (500 words max)

Context

The Canadian Mountain Network (CMN) is a federally incorporated, board-governed not-for-profit organization hosted by the University of Alberta. CMN is Canada's first formal research network dedicated to the sustainability and wellbeing of mountain places and peoples.

Primarily funded by a five-year grant (2019-2023) from the Government of Canada's Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) program, CMN works with diverse partners from across sectors to deliver an integrated research, training and knowledge mobilization program.

A summary of the Network's application to the NCE program can be found [here](#).

Research Management Committee Role and Responsibilities

While all research project funding decisions are the responsibility of the Network's board, oversight of the research program is the responsibility of the Research Management Committee (RMC).

Reporting to the board, the RMC is tasked with developing a detailed research agenda and research policies for the Network, recommending funding allocations for calls for proposals, reviewing and recommending research projects for funding, and monitoring progress of network research projects and making recommendations to the Board with respect to continued funding.

Committee Composition

The RMC will consist of up to 15 members including the two CMN co-Research Directors, Dr. [Stan Boutin](#) and [Norma Kassi](#), the RMC will represent the diverse sectoral and geographical interests of the Network. The RMC will also represent both Indigenous and Western ways of knowing, as well as diverse disciplines within Western science (i.e., natural/social sciences).

At least four members of the RMC must be independent, including the Chair. Please see the definition of "independent" in Appendix A.

Members can be based within or outside of Canada and can be Canadian or foreign citizens.

Meetings

The RMC is expected to meet three times annually: twice by phone (one to three hours depending on agenda) and once in person at the Network's Annual Meeting (expectation to participate in the full two-day meeting).

Compensation

A bursary application will be available to facilitate the participation of those who would not serve in the capacity of their salaried position, as well as those without such a position.

Inquiries

Please direct any questions to the CMN Research Coordinator, Ainsley Sykes (asykes@ualberta.ca or 780-492-1267).

APPENDIX A: DEFINITION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER

What are independent members?

Independent members are individuals who will not benefit directly from the activities of the NCE-funded organization, and who have no material relationship with the network that could, either directly or indirectly, in practice or appearance, impair their ability to think and act in an independent manner that is in the best interests of the network. It is at the discretion of the board to determine which individuals may be deemed independent members. The following situations could be considered material relationships, which would preclude an individual from being deemed an independent member:

- Currently being an executive, officer or employee of the NCE-funded organization or occupying such a position within the last three years;
- Receiving or having received, at any time, payments from the NCE-funded organization or one of its affiliates for services;
- Being a partner, executive, employee, officer or director of an entity doing business with the NCE-funded organization;
- Being, or having been, a partner, executive, officer or employee of a firm or affiliated company that has performed audit services for the NCE-funded organization in the last three years; or

Being an immediate family member (e.g. father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, foster parent, brother, sister, spouse, common-law partner, child of a common-law partner, grandparent, grandchild, stepchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law) of a person in any of the above situations.