

Call for Candidates for the Canadian Women's Foundation Board of Directors

Do you have a passion for gender equality, justice and making things better for diverse women, girls, Two Spirit, trans, and non-binary people? Do you believe in the power of feminist philanthropy and want to commit your time, talent, and treasure to drive change? This opportunity may be for you.

The Canadian Women's Foundation seeks nominations to our Board of Directors who can guide, support, and contribute as we work together to:

- **Be a Champion:** *advocate and create lasting change*
- **Be Bold:** *demonstrate our impact*
- **Be Steadfast:** *diversify and invest in the future*

Since 1991, the Canadian Women's Foundation has been Canada's public foundation for gender justice and equality.

Vision - Every woman, girl, and gender-diverse person has the power, safety, support, and rights to thrive, today and tomorrow.

Mission - We advance gender justice and equality by growing support for grassroots feminist action, partnering with communities and organizations to improve conditions, and building diverse leadership and knowledge for sustainable change.

Board Focus

The Foundation is committed to a broad representation of voices and experience and is currently giving priority to candidates with expertise in one or more of the following areas: philanthropy and fundraising, accounting & finance (including impact investing), digital communication, government relations, and to those living on the Pacific Coast, Atlantic Coast, Nunavut, or in remote, rural and Northern regions of the country.

We are searching for candidates who:

- Are deeply committed to the mandate, vision, and values of the Foundation and share the Foundation's demonstrable commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- Have board experience in one or more of the areas of governance, accounting and finance, law, advocacy and government relations, philanthropy, and grantmaking.
- Are versed in contemporary feminist and gender equality issues in Canada, which may include gendered implications of climate and economic crises, building access and support for people with disabilities, gendered social determinants of health, feminist change-making, and building strong and inclusive movements.
- Able to participate actively for 6-10 hours a quarter in the Board's work, at least one committee board and one grant committee, and support sharing Foundation priorities.
- We encourage individuals from First Nations, Métis, and Inuit communities and Black and racialized communities, as well as women with disabilities and 2SLGBTQIA+ community members, to submit candidacies.

Terms of Reference for Board Members

Board Members at the Canadian Women's Foundation serve for three-year terms for up to two terms. The Board meets five to seven times yearly, primarily by virtual meetings, with one to two in-person meetings in Toronto. Each Board member also participates on one or more Board committees. On average, each Board Member commits 6-10 hours per quarter to Board participation.

Board Members support the Foundation as representatives in many other ways, including supporting philanthropic giving activities, networking, speaking engagements, participating in events, and more.

Candidate Submission Process

Interested nominators should complete this initial form of interest at this link: [CLICK for Candidate Submission Form](#) Please note - you will be asked to submit a copy of your resume or the resume of the person you're nominating as part of your initial submission.

The deadline for applications is Thurs, April 18

If you have any questions, please email us at nominations@canadianwomen.org
A representative of the Board Nominations Committee will reply as soon as possible.