



Centre For Inquiry Canada Expert Advisory Panel	
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Centre For Inquiry Canada Expert Advisory Panel and Awards Policy

A. Overview

Centre for Inquiry Canada/Centre pour l'enquête Canada (CFI Canada/CFIC) is a charitable organization with the mission:

To educate and provide training to the public in the application of skeptical, secular, rational and humanistic enquiry through conferences, symposia, lectures, published works and the maintenance of a library.

CFI Canada's mission informs and establishes the foundations of its organizational principles and philosophy. The Advisory Fellowship consists of leading experts and scholars on subjects of interest to CFI Canada. Admission to and service within the Advisory Fellowship will be conferred as an honour by processes contained in this policy.

B. Definitions

"CFI Canada's Community" means any and all clients, personnel, members, Board Members, Friends of the Centre, Councillors, donors, supporters and all those individuals and organizations having a responsibility to CFIC or interest in its success.

"personnel" means all employees and volunteers of CFI Canada; personnel may also be referred to as "internal stakeholders".

"Centre For Inquiry Canada", "CFI Canada" and "CFIC" mean the registered Canadian charity (833642614RR0001) and all of its branches or operating units.

"Center For Inquiry Transnational" and "CFI Transnational" mean the independent affiliated organization serving the United States of America and based in Amherst, New York and all of its branches and operating units.

“Centre For Inquiry Movement” means the collective organizations adhering to common branding and values as established and represented by CFI Transnational, CFIC and other recognized CFI organizations around the world.

C. Function of the Expert Advisory Panel

The members of the CFI Canada’s Expert Advisory Panel fulfil the following functions within CFI Canada’s pursuit of its charitable mandate:

Advisory Fellows are the “brain trust” of CFI Canada

1. Advisory Fellows provide expert and scholarly opinions on matters or issues of interest to CFI Canada
2. Advisory Fellows provide commentary or background information to the development of CFI Canada’s policy

Advisory Fellows are ambassadors of CFI Canada

1. Advisory Fellows represent CFI Canada, from time-to-time, in media or public events
2. Advisory Fellows and CFI Canada mutually benefit from prestige conferred through the relationship

D. Advisory Fellows and CFI Public Policy

Advisory Fellows will be requested to comment on all public policy positions or statements developed by CFI Canada. CFI Canada is not obligated to adopt positions of Advisory Fellows and Advisory Fellows are not obligated to adopt positions of CFI Canada. It is understood, however, that a harmony of these positions is essential to clear and certain positions.

Areas of interest to CFI Canada:

History of Science	Psychology
Religion and History of Religion	Social Work
Statistics	Research Methods and Philosophy of Science
Biology	Physics and Astrophysics
Ethics	Evolution
Popular Culture and Media Studies	Adult Education
Anthropology	Law, including Constitutional Law
Journalism	Medicine

E. Nominations to Advisory Fellowship

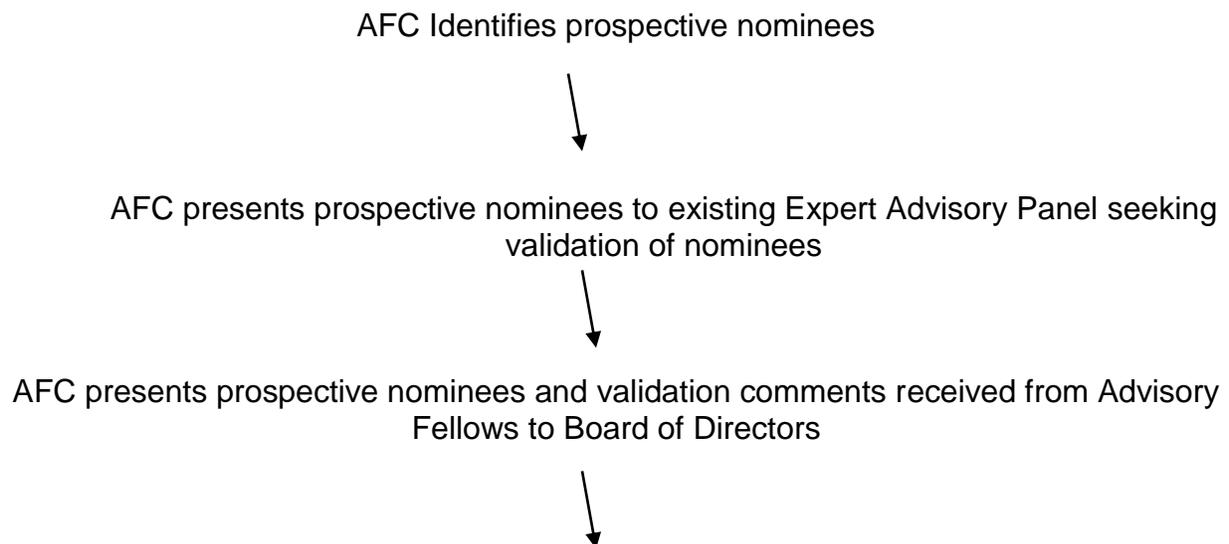
Nominations and oversight of the Advisory Fellowship shall be conducted by an Advisory Fellowship Committee minimally comprising:

- One member of the CFI Canada Board of Directors
- One member of the CFI Canada Expert Advisory Panel
- One member of the CFI Canada Council
- The CFI Canada National Executive Director
- Volunteer administrative support as required
- One Branch representative
- Additional members as determined necessary by the AFC

The inaugural AFC membership shall be appointed by the NED and Board of Directors; the AFC shall submit nominations for subsequent AFC membership to the Board of Directors for affirmation during the Annual General Meeting for approval.

The Advisory Fellowship Committee (AFC) shall nominate to the Expert Advisory Panel no more than four new persons annually and be responsible for:

1. Maintaining an updated record of all research and information (including names of those nominated or appointed to the Advisory Fellowship).
2. Establishing periodic criteria for inclusion of persons making significant achievements in their fields and who are committed to the secular, atheist, free-thinking, scientific, skeptical movement.
3. Confirming current listing and participation of Advisory Fellows.
4. Reviewing key areas of interest and gaps in CFI Canada's expert resources.
5. Using the following process map to guide the nomination process:



Board of Directors nominates candidates and directs AFC to contact final nominees



AFC contacts final nominees to offer nominations



AFC collects responses from nominees



AFC advises Board of Directors



Board of Directors confirms appointments to Expert Advisory Panel



Annual General Meeting – Appointment Ceremony

F. Expert Advisory Fellows - Deceased

Upon death, all individuals who have served as Advisory Fellows shall have their birth and death dates noted on all document containing their names.

G. Term of Service and Removal from EAP

Advisory Fellows, once appointed, shall be eligible to continue service indefinitely or until removal is requested by the Advisory Fellow or the CFI Canada Board of Directors as follows:

Term of Service

Advisory Fellows shall be contacted annually by CFI Canada to verify their intentions to remain active as a member of the EAP.

Removal by CFI Canada

Removal of any person from the Expert Advisory Panel shall require a unanimous vote of the CFI Canada Board of Directors or an approved motion by the CFI Canada council at a meeting of the Council.

Removal at Request of Advisory Fellow

At the written request of any Advisory Fellow, the AFC shall cause the Advisory Fellow's name to be removed from the Expert Advisory Panel public record; copies of all communication shall be retained in the AFC records.

H. Responsibilities to Administer this Policy

1. The National Executive Director is responsible for advising the Board of Directors and CFI Canada's Community on matters relating to this document as well as maintaining, monitoring, and revising this policy.
2. Members of the Board of Directors, Branch and Program Leaders, the National Executive Director and other Officers of CFI Canada are responsible for oversight, application and implementation of this policy in each of their respective jurisdictions.