



Peer Support Canada Advisory Committee Call for Applicants

Update: Spring 2023

As of March 16, 2023, we have filled 6 positions on the PSC Advisory Committee from the first round of applications. We continue to accept applications on an ongoing basis. Applications will be reviewed as they come in, and we will reach out to candidates who may be able to support us in rounding out the expertise of our committee. If desired, we will also keep applications on file for next term's recruitment (starting in January 2024).

To round out our current committee, as of Spring 2023, we are specifically looking for individuals who have expertise in the realms of fund development, organizational governance, and anti-racist/anti-oppressive practices. We are also looking to ensure there are people on our committee who are willing to bring their lived expertise of being non-binary, male, Indigenous, Black, and/or a Person of Colour, and/or from the provinces and territories of Alberta, Québec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut.

Peer Support Canada (PSC) launched its newly created Strategic Plan (2022 – 2027) in September 2022. This plan outlines the organizations' mission, and stipulates 3 overarching goals for the organization:

- Increase the validity of peer support in Canada
- Support peer supporters and peer support organizations to do their work
- Ensure our sustainability as an organization

The Strategic Plan also outlined Peer Support Canada's goals of transitioning away from its current structure as a program within the Canadian Mental Health Association into a model where Peer Support Canada operates as an independent organization.

We are looking for 8-12 individuals with a diverse range of personal and professional experiences to apply for a volunteer position on our Advisory Committee. Advisory Committee members will commit to an average of 4-6 hours per month including meeting attendance and committee work and to serving for a one-year term. All work and meetings will be facilitated virtually. In support of our efforts to apply an anti-racist and anti-oppressive lens to our organization and services, we encourage individuals who are part of traditionally marginalized populations to apply.

The Advisory Committee:

- Responds to items brought to the Advisory Committee by PSC staff by providing input and recommendations. Items brought to the Advisory Committee may be related to program development, operations planning and organization transition planning.
- Connects PSC to the needs of the peer support community across Canada
- Draws from anti-racist and anti-oppressive lenses to help increase the accessibility of PSC programming
- Participates on sub-committees related to PSC programming, including the PSC Certification program
- Offers input and recommendations about steps to be taken for PSC to work towards operating as an independent organization

If you are interested in applying, please send us:

A 1-2 page letter indicating the following:

1. Who you are and why you're interested in a position on Peer Support Canada's Advisory Committee
2. How you are aligned with the values of peer support (feel free to share some examples if you'd like)



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3. What personal and professional experiences you have that will help support Peer Support Canada achieve its mission
4. A description of your approach to working with others including how you recognize the impacts of power and privilege while working with others

Please send your letter to adunning@peersupportcanada.ca and include "Application: PSC Advisory Committee" in the subject line.

To learn more about Peer Support Canada you can visit our website at www.peersupportcanada.ca, and review [our 2022 – 2027 Strategic Plan](#).