

NDRIO

New Digital
Research Infrastructure
Organization

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Membership and Eligibility

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Criteria For Membership

NDRIO has two categories of Membership:

1. Primary (Voting) Members – post-secondary institutions, research hospitals and/or affiliated institutes; eligible for Tri-Council grants; and with demonstrable research activity.

2. Associate Members (Non-Voting). There are two sub-categories that require approval by the Board:

- a. Post-secondary institutions as above, **that choose not to retain full membership;**
- b. **Organizations and associations that have responsibilities in the DRI ecosystem.** This includes organizations that can demonstrate significant activities in the 3 DRI domains: Advanced Research Computing (ARC), Research Software (RS) and Data Management (DM).

Membership Fee Structure

- NDRIO has two fee structures for Primary (Voting) and Associate Members (Non-Voting):
 - Primary Voting Member fees will range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per annum;
 - Non-Voting Associate Member institutions and DRI ecosystem organization Members will be charged a flat fee of \$500 per annum

Voting Membership Eligibility

- Eligibility for **Primary (Voting) Membership** is defined as post-secondary institutions that are **eligible for Tri-Council grants** and research hospitals and/or affiliated institutes that **meet the institutional eligibility requirements of the Canada Institutes for Health Research (CIHR)**.
- These members **must have an explicit research mandate and demonstrable research activity**.

3 Elements To This Definition

1. Post-secondary institutions that are **degree and/or diploma granting entities**. Also included are **research hospitals and institutes that meet CIHR eligibility requirements**.
2. Eligibility for Tri-Council grants is **based on a review by the Tri-Council to assess whether the institution is engaged in research, research training and related activities; and having a research and research training mission**. Institutions sign an Agreement on the Administration of Agency Grants and Awards by Research Institutions.
3. Demonstrable research activities is **defined as having a certain level of peer-reviewed research**.

Primary Membership Fee Funding Model

NDRIO has a five-level fee structure based on self-reported Tri-Council research funding income:

Fee	Research Income
\$5,000 – Minimum Membership Fee	Less than \$2M
\$8,000	\$2M to <\$5M
\$11,000	\$5M to <\$10M
\$13,000	\$10M to \$20M
\$15,000 – Maximum Membership Fee	More than \$20M

Implementation

- Letters have been sent to potential membership candidates – including universities, colleges and CEGEPs, research hospitals and associate members. Annual membership fees will start on April 1, 2020 until March 31, 2021.
- Letters to post-secondary institutions outline the two categories of membership and have requested institutions to choose their Membership level: Primary (Voting) or Associate (Non-Voting).
 - Primary Members have been asked to self-report their research income and identify their associated membership fee.

Implementation

- Letters have also been sent to potential non-voting Associate Members that undertake significant activities in the DRI ecosystem.
- Note that institutions that are currently paying the \$5,000 Compute Canada annual fee will be allowed to deduct this amount from the NDRIO membership fee.

Benefits of Membership

- Primary (Voting) Member benefits include the following opportunities:
 - to vote at annual general meetings, including the upcoming February 2020 AGM to elect the inaugural Board of Directors;
 - to nominate researchers to the Researcher Council;
 - to advise Directors on the strategic direction of NDRIO
- Associate Member benefits include attendance at AGMs and the opportunity to provide advice in areas of expertise as appropriate.

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