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The Ontario Institute for Cancer Research (OICR) is looking for an individual with experience as a patient, family member or caregiver in the Ontario cancer care system and knowledge of/interest in cancer research and innovation to fill **one position** on the Institute's voluntary Board of Directors.

## About OICR

OICR is Ontario's cancer research institute. We bring together people from across the province and around the world to improve the lives of everyone affected by cancer. We take on the biggest challenges in cancer research and deliver real-world solutions to find cancer earlier and treat it more effectively. We are committed to helping people living with cancer, as well as future generations, live longer and healthier lives.

In collaboration with our partners in healthcare, research, government and the private sector, we:

- Conduct cross-disciplinary cancer research in fields such as genomics, immuno-oncology, informatics, drug discovery and molecular pathology.
- Enable research in Ontario and worldwide by building collaborative networks, securely sharing data, and making tools and resources available to the research community.
- Translate our research findings to the clinic by developing clinical guidelines, supporting clinical trials and working with FACIT and other partners to advance the commercialization of our innovations and intellectual property.

OICR is funded by the Government of Ontario.

## About the OICR Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is OICR's governing body. The priorities of the Board are to provide oversight of the implementation of the Institute's strategic plan; to ensure succession planning for the renewal of the Board, the SAB Co-Chairs (Scientific Advisory Board) and OICR's executive team; to oversee financial

performance and risk management; and to assess the performance of the organization.

**As a patient partner, you will be charged with bringing the patient voice and perspective to the discussion, including ensuring that OICR's strategic goals address patient needs and advising on the Institute's [approach](#) to partnering with patients.**

Please visit our [website](#) at for more information on our current Board membership.

### **Time Commitment**

Board members will normally serve a three-year term, to a maximum of two terms. Board meetings are held quarterly (or as required), either virtually or in Toronto. The incumbent will be reimbursed for any costs associated with travelling to these meetings, in accordance with OICR's Travel, Meal and Hospitality Expense policy. Each Board member is expected to serve on at least one Board subcommittee. Subcommittee meetings are held quarterly (or as required).

### **Criteria for Board Membership**

In addition to experience in the health care system, the following criteria will be considered in selecting the new Board member:

- 1) **Personal Qualities:** Candidates should uphold OICR's core values of Excellence, Innovation, Collaboration, Impact, Responsibility and Community. We are looking for an effective communicator and team player who is committed to continuous learning.
- 2) **Knowledge, Skills and Experience:** Knowledge of cancer research and/or the Ontario cancer research ecosystem are considered assets.
- 3) **Diversity:** OICR is committed to fostering a climate of equity, diversity, inclusion, and accessibility. This commitment is central to, and mutually supportive of, our research excellence mandate. We welcome and respect the diversity of all members of our community and we support

an inclusive culture for all. We welcome all applicants, and encourage applications from racialized persons, Indigenous Peoples, women, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S persons, and others who may contribute to furthering a diversity of ideas within our community. OICR is committed to fair assessment of a candidate's abilities, and consideration for diversity of thought, method, and experience.

### **Recruitment and Selection**

- Candidates must be at least 18 years of age .
- OICR employees and those receive funding from OICR are ineligible.
- Expressions of Interest and nominations will be accepted until August 23, 2024. Please submit a brief cover letter and resume describing your interest in joining the OICR Board and relevant experience and qualifications to **Rebecca.Tamarchak@oicr.on.ca**.
- We anticipate the new Board member will join the Board at the end of September.

If you think this may be an opportunity of interest for yourself or someone you know, or if you have any questions, please contact **Rebecca Tamarchak**, Head, Strategy, Governance and Partnerships, at [Rebecca.Tamarchak@oicr.on.ca](mailto:Rebecca.Tamarchak@oicr.on.ca).

Providing an accessible workplace and recruitment process is important to us, as described in our Accessibility Plan (<https://oicr.on.ca/accessibility/>) Should you require accommodation during any stage in the recruitment process, please contact **Rebecca.Tamarchak@oicr.on.ca**. Information received related to accommodation will be handled confidentially.

Thank you for your support and interest.

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