

CRITERIA FOR THE NOMINATION OF INTERNATIONAL REVIEWERS

NOMINATED REVIEWERS SHOULD HAVE:

1. **Special knowledge** of the science and engineering subfields involved in the proposals to be reviewed to evaluate competence, intellectual merit, and utility of the proposed activity.
2. **Broader or more generalized knowledge** of the science and engineering subfields involved in the proposals to be reviewed to evaluate the broader impacts of the proposed activity. Reviewers with broad expertise are required for proposals involving substantial size or complexity, broad or multi-disciplinary content, or significant national or international implications.
3. Broad knowledge of the **infrastructure** of the science and engineering enterprise, and its **educational** activities, to evaluate contributions to societal goals, scientific and engineering personnel, and distribution of resources to organizations and geographical areas.

NOMINATED REVIEWERS SHOULD NOT:

1. Have **disqualifying relationships** with the principal investigator(s) (PI) in that PI and reviewer must NOT have/be:
 - A family relationship, e.g. sibling, parent, spouse or child or any relatives with close personal relationship;
 - Previous thesis advisor or thesis student;
 - Collaborated on a project, book, article, report or paper within the last 48 months;
 - Co-edited a journal, compendium or conference proceedings within the last 24 months.
 - From the same organization.
2. Have any **financial interest** in the proposed activity and the person should not be a prospective employer, or a prospective business/contractual partner whom PI has a financial relationship with.
3. Be an investigator, project director or other person identified as party to a proposal or award i.e. **collaborator**.
4. Be from an institution with which PI is affiliated through:
 - current membership on a visiting committee;
 - current enrolment as a student;
 - receipt and retention of an honorarium or other form of award from the institution within the last 12 months.
5. Be from an organization with which:
 - the PI was connected within the last year or in which PI is an active participant e.g. chair a committee or subcommittee or act as spokesman or help direct the organization's activities;
 - the PI's spouse, parent or dependent child is connected.