



Call for Applications to the Multi-disciplinary Advisory Council (MDAC)

Myeloma Canada is a patient-focused, patient-driven, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to improving the lives of all Canadians impacted by multiple myeloma. We are committed to advancing the understanding and treatment of this incurable cancer and to accelerating access to game-changing myeloma therapies and treatments. Myeloma Canada has been making myeloma matter since it was founded in 2005. Please visit our website at myeloma.ca.

Our vision

A world where myeloma is no longer a debilitating or fatal disease

Our mission

To improve the lives of Canadians impacted by myeloma through awareness-building, educational efforts, advocacy, fostering an empowered myeloma community and support of clinical research so that a cure may be found

Our strategic pillars

Myeloma Canada's programming falls into five strategic "pillars" that encompass all we do. We believe in the importance of investing in, and advancing, all our pillars equally and to create a strong base from which we can best meet the needs of our community. The five strategic pillars are:

1. **Community empowerment** - Building an empowered, informed and engaged myeloma community and facilitating an integrated network of all myeloma stakeholders.
2. **Education** - Developing, supporting and disseminating information and resources to help our myeloma community make informed decisions about their disease.
3. **Awareness** - Promoting early diagnosis, increasing awareness of myeloma and the ways it affects the lives of patients and their families.
4. **Advocacy** - Advocating for access to new therapies, treatment options and healthcare resources.
5. **Science and Research** - Fostering, supporting and funding myeloma-related research that leads to a better and longer quality of life for those living with the disease.

Multi-disciplinary Advisory Council (MDAC)

The Multi-disciplinary Advisory Council (MDAC) is a new council that will advise the Board of Directors of Myeloma Canada on broad policy and program considerations. MDAC will have a strategic focus, highlighting multi-disciplinary trends in the global multiple myeloma community. MDAC will advise on emerging issues, threats and opportunities pertaining to the five strategic pillars of the Corporation.



MDAC will consist of both Core members and Ad-hoc members. This Call for Applications is focused on appointing Core members in the first instance.

Core Member Vacancies

Myeloma Canada is currently recruiting up to seven (7) Core members of MDAC. The Core members should be and/or have experience as follows:

- Be a representative of the multiple myeloma patient community, or
- Be a healthcare professional with expertise in diagnosing and treating multiple myeloma such as oncologists and myeloma nurse specialists, and/or
- Have experience in any of:
 - Medical research in the myeloma field
 - Canadian public health policy
 - Health education or communication
 - Strategic planning
 - Canadian health technology assessment

MDAC members serve in a volunteer capacity, without compensation. Travel and other eligible costs are paid by the Corporation according to its approved expense reimbursement policy.

Why apply to be an MDAC Core Member

As a member of MDAC, you will provide invaluable input to the Board of Directors in responding to the challenges faced by Canadian patients, their families and caregivers impacted by myeloma.

This is an excellent opportunity to leverage and enhance your experience, to meet passionate and devoted individuals, and to liaise with Myeloma Canada's diverse stakeholders, including patients, caregivers, oncology specialists, healthcare professionals and industry partners.

What you bring to us

- A solutions-oriented mindset and creative thinking approach to strategic issues
- Knowledge of, or interest in, the Canadian cancer eco-system and in the importance of the patient's involvement in myeloma care

What we ask of you

- Review information pertaining to the Corporation's strategic pillars and related activities and advise on strategic direction for Myeloma Canada
- Inform the Board of Directors about strategic opportunities that could potentially accelerate treatments to improve survival or quality of life of people living with multiple myeloma
- Regularly attend MDAC meetings, and arrive prepared for these and other meetings
- Respect the confidentiality pertaining to MDAC, Board and Management discussions



MDAC Member Term

MDAC members are appointed by the Board of Directors. MDAC members will serve for an initial term of up to two (2) years and may be reappointed for a second term of up to two (2) years.

Meetings & Time Commitment

MDAC meetings will be held 3 times/year via video or teleconference. MDAC may hold one of the 3 meetings in person. MDAC meetings will likely be about two hours in duration. Additional MDAC meetings may be required but will be kept to a minimum. Given the impact of Covid-19, we expect all MDAC meetings to be held virtually until the pandemic restrictions are lifted.

Orientation & Annual General Meeting

MDAC members will be provided with orientation materials, including Myeloma Canada's By-Law and MDAC's Terms of Reference, to assist them in carrying out MDAC's activities. MDAC members are encouraged to attend the Annual General Meeting of Members, which is typically held in June each year and is usually less than an hour in duration.

Language

Given the national nature of the organization, all meetings are conducted in English, and all materials and documents shared with MDAC members are written in English. As such, MDAC members are required to be fluent in English, both written and oral.

How and when to apply

Your application must include:

- a letter outlining your interest and qualifications in relation to one of the areas under "Core Member Vacancies" above; and
- a résumé summarizing your employment, board and/or community involvement experience.

Please submit your complete application to:

Myeloma Canada
Governance & Nomination Committee,
c/o Martine Elias, Executive Director,
at melias@myeloma.ca

Deadline: June 30, 2021

Thank you for your interest in Myeloma Canada