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 subcategories 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).
• NDRIO has two fee structures for Primary (Voting) and Associate Members (Non-Voting):
  o Primary Voting Member fees will range from $5,000 to $15,000 per annum;
  o 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**.
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.
NDRIO has a five-level fee structure based on self-reported Tri-Council research funding income:

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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).
  o 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:
  o to vote at annual general meetings, including the upcoming February 2020 AGM to elect the inaugural Board of Directors;
  o to nominate researchers to the Researcher Council;
  o 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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