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# The National Research Advisory Committee (NRAC)

The Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN) is looking for individuals to sit on our National Research Advisory Committee (NRAC). Since 2006, NRAC has guided the research work of the CAAN Research and Policy Unit (RPU), assuring that it undertakes and produces HIV & AIDS community-based research that is methodologically-sound, culturallyappropriate, respectful, and relevant. NRAC will now be mandated to also oversee the work of the new Aboriginal HIV & AIDS (AHA) Research Centre, housed at the CAAN RPU in Dartmouth Nova Scotia.

#### Seats available:

- 2 Aboriginal people living with HIV & AIDS (APHAs)
- 2 Youth
- 2 Elders
- 2 community members
- 2 academics

**NRAC's Mandate:** To provide leadership, vision and direction in all areas of research within CAAN, drawing from past and continued involvement in the Aboriginal and/or the Community-based Research community.

What you will be asked to do as a member of NRAC: All members of the National Research Advisory Committee will participate in the committee for a term of 2 years during which time Terms of Reference and a process to replace members will be finalized.

Committee members will be asked to draw from their past and continued involvement in the Aboriginal and/or the community-based research community, to guide CAAN's research initiatives. We are looking for members from Aboriginal communities residing anywhere in Canada. The ability to communicate through email and via Skype would be very helpful.

**Time commitments**: you will be asked to attend one (1) face to face meeting per fiscal year and up to four (4) teleconferences per year. Time for review of documents and related materials will also be required. Communication between NRAC and CAAN outside of conference calls and face to face meetings is conducted via e-mail.

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Name:	 	 
Organization:	 	 
Position:		

### Which of the following criteria do you fill:

- □ an Aboriginal person living with HIV & AIDS (APHA)
- □ a youth
- an Elder
- □ a community member
- □ an academic

#### How do you identify? (Please check all that apply):

- 🗌 Inuit
- Métis
- First Nations
- □ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why you would like to become a member of NRAC:

Please describe your previous experience (if any) with Community-Based Research: