

# **CCA Racialized and Indigenous Scholars Network**

## **Governance Document**

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### **1. Mission**

1.1. The Canadian Communication Association's Racialized & Indigenous Scholars Network exists to foster community among racialized and Indigenous communication scholars; to promote their work, including marginalized objects, frameworks, and epistemologies, within the field of Canadian communication studies; and to support racialized and Indigenous students and early career researchers in navigating the CCA, the discipline, the profession, and their home institutions.

### **2. Members**

2.1. CCA members who identify as Indigenous or as a member of a marginalized racialized group, which can include racialized "international students," are invited to participate in the CCA Racialized & Indigenous Scholars Network.

2.2. The Network asks white scholars to respect our spaces and seek other avenues for supporting anti-racism in academia, the discipline, and their home institutions.

2.3. Although people will not be excluded from participation in Network events for letting their CCA membership lapse from time to time, it is expected that they will maintain an active presence in the CCA.

### **3. Steering Committee**

3.1. The Network's Steering Committee is an Annual Committee of the CCA. It comprises a Chair and three advisors, at least one of whom must be a student member. It has responsibility for continuity of the Network's activities, including maintaining and moderating a Discord server (or other communications platform), programming at least one session during the annual conference of the CCA, and holding at least one general meeting of the Network each year.

3.2. The Chair of the Steering Committee is appointed to a one-year term by the President of the CCA, typically at the first CCA board meeting of the year in September.

3.2.1. The Chair of the Steering Committee should ordinarily be an at-large member of the CCA's Board.

3.2.2. There is no limit to the number of terms a Chair may serve, though the Network reminds the CCA to ensure there are sufficient eligible members-at-large so that the role of Chair of the Steering Committee can be filled.

3.2.3. The Chair's responsibilities include reporting back to the CCA Board and membership (via the AGM), as needed, and calling at least one general meeting of the Network each year.

3.3. After being appointed, the Chair will call a general meeting of participating members of the Network.

3.3.1. As membership in the Network is informal, there is no set quorum for a general meeting. However, when calling the meeting, the Chair should enable members to signal availability and must provide at least 4 weeks notice of the meeting.

3.3.2. At the meeting, the membership will select three members to serve as advisors on the Steering Committee.

3.2.2.1. If possible, advisors should be selected by consensus.

3.2.2.1. If consensus cannot be reached, a vote may be taken.

3.3.3. The Steering Committee's advisors must include at least one student member, and care should be taken to ensure that, from year to year, the Committee meets or exceeds the diversity of the Network.

3.3.4. All Steering Committee members must be CCA members in good standing.

3.4. The Steering Committee should meet at least three times a year.

3.5. The Steering Committee may delegate tasks or projects to other members of the Network as needed.