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**From:** Gina Kennedy, University Secretary /Governance Committee, NOSM U Board of Governors

**Subject:** 2024 Internal General Election for **Student - NOSM University Board of Governors**

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## JOIN the NOSM UNIVERSITY BOARD of GOVERNORS

NOSM University Board of Governors is seeking Expressions of Interest from NOSM University Student members to fill one vacancy for the 2025 Board Year as follows:

Student (Learner) (1 seat) – “Students” means all learners registered at the University. Nominees must be registered and in good standing at the time of nomination and throughout their board term. Term is one year renewable.

In addition, the Board is seeking individuals who identify as Francophone, Indigenous, or as part of other underrepresented groups, including but not limited to those defined by race, sex, Indigeneity, disability, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation.

The deadline for applications is **October 10, 2024, at 4:00 pm.**

### Important Dates and Deadlines

- September 19, 2024 – Web application opens
- September 19, 2024 – Communication launch for process – webpage and to NOSM SC and Learners
- September 23, 30, & Oct 7 – advertising in NOSM U Pulse and other associated newsletters and on social media
- October 10, 2024 – Deadline for applications
- November 2024 – Governance Committee – applications to be presented
- November 18-19, 2024 – Board of Governors – confirms appointment

### Term Length

Selected individuals will begin their appointment on January 1, 2025, for an initial one-year term (renewable once).

## About the Board

Are you interested in the governance of an amazing, internationally recognized institution leading higher education, health and research? [NOSM University](#)—the first independent medical university in Canada—invites membership on its Board of Governors.

NOSM University's Board of Governors are a diverse group of 17 (to a maximum of 30) volunteers with a unique understanding of higher education and the mission of NOSM U. The Board is responsible for oversight of the university's governance and administration, which includes approving budgetary decisions and establishing policies. The primary function of the Board is strategic oversight that is removed from the day-to-day decision-making of the university. The university's administration presents information, seeks advice and requests the approval of proposals by the Board of Governors.

All the Board members are volunteers with the exception of the President.

Governors owe a fiduciary duty to NOSM University as a whole, which consists of a duty of care, diligence and loyalty. As fiduciaries, members of the Board must act honestly, in good faith and at all times in the best interests of the university.

## Time Commitment

Membership involves a time commitment of approximately 1-2 weekdays per month for meeting attendance, plus 6-10 hours per month for review of meeting materials. In addition, Board members are asked to participate on a Board committee (See [Board Committee](#) for more details).

The full Board meets approximately four times each year (e.g. September, November, February and May) for approximately three hours with one in person meeting per year.

The full meeting schedule is provided to members in advance. Governors are provided with an electronic meeting package approximately one week in advance which includes all materials to review in preparation for the meeting.

## Commitment to Diversity

Individuals of all gender identities, racially visible people, Indigenous and Francophone peoples, people with disabilities, and others with the skills and knowledge to engage with diverse communities are encouraged to apply. A connection to Northern Ontario is essential. Those interested, who have the particular skill set and experience identified, are encouraged to apply through the online application form.

## Application Form

- [Interest to Serve - Online application form](#)

\*\* CV/resume is required.

Please visit the [Board of Governors](#) webpage for more information.

