



Volunteer Opportunity

Community Seed Network Advisory Council

[The Community Seed Network's](#) (CSN) mission is to connect and support community seed initiatives across US and Canada by providing educational resources, organizational best practices, and opportunities for information sharing and networking among its members. The CSN is a shared program of [Seed Savers Exchange](#) and [USC Canada](#). For more about our origin story, check out [our website](#).

CSN serves community-based seed initiatives including seed libraries, community seed banks, seed swaps, seed education activities, and seed law advocacy efforts. CSN membership is open to all such initiatives, and to individuals who are interested in connecting to community seed resources, people, and organizations.

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The CSN is seeking volunteers from the US and Canada to serve on its first Advisory Council. Members will provide advice and guidance to direct the work and future evolution of the CSN. Council members will be people who have knowledge and experience related to some aspect of community seed projects, who support CSN's mission, and are willing to donate their time to advise the CSN's part-time staff administrators. The Advisory Council will be a group of volunteer advisors, not a board of directors or decision making body.

Expectations

Council members will be expected to:

- Meet approximately quarterly by teleconference to:
 - Support the development of CSN and help improve its capacity to serve a broad range of community seed interests.
 - Discuss and provide guidance and recommendations on a wide range of topics and issues related to the operation of the CSN, including projects, programs, and/or events. This may include planning and brainstorming or helping draft proposals or grants for funding.
- Be knowledgeable about the resources and services offered by the CSN, and engage and connect with its membership, by:
 - Answering questions about the CSN from the communities served by the CSN.
 - Participating on the CSN Facebook/social media platform(s) where possible.
 - Using their own networks for outreach and promotion of the CSN.
- Make a commitment to serve up to a three year term of service. Members may serve a maximum of six years in succession.

Submit your Expression of Interest!

We are accepting expressions of interest from individuals in the United States and Canada until **April 26, 2019**. To submit, please send the following information:

Part 1:

A completed [Application Form](#), which will signal your intention to submit part 2.

Part 2:

(1) A current resumé and (2) A letter of recommendation, emailed to info@communityseednetwork.org (attention Jeanine Scheffert and Steph Hughes). The resumé should detail relevant professional skills & experience, volunteer work, and interests. The letter should be original and give us a sense of what it's like to work with you.

Thank you for your interest!