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CALL FOR RESEARCH INSTITUTE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Organization: Canadian Institute for Research on Economic Justice (CIREJ) / Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE)

Position: Volunteer Executive Council Member

Term: September 2026 – September 2028

Location: Canada-wide / Virtual

Application Deadline: Friday, August 21, 2026

Are You Interested in Advancing Economic Justice Through Research?

The **Canadian Institute for Research on Economic Justice (CIREJ)** is recruiting professionals, practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and sector leaders to join our Executive Council. Executive Council members will contribute their professional and research expertise to a growing national initiative examining the policies, institutions, and systems that shape **economic security, opportunity, equity, and well-being in Canada**. We are currently recruiting expertise in two areas:

- **Role 1: Banking, Finance & Financial Services**
- **Role 2: Housing & Housing Systems**

ABOUT CIREJ

The **Canadian Institute for Research on Economic Justice (CIREJ)** is a national research and knowledge-mobilization initiative led by the Canadian Center for Women's Empowerment (CCFWE).

CIREJ conducts, supports, and mobilizes research on the policies, institutions, and economic systems that shape financial security, economic opportunity, equity, and well-being across Canada.



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Our Approach: CIREJ brings together expertise from academia, government, industry, financial institutions, community organizations, and other sectors to:

- Strengthen interdisciplinary and cross-sector research and collaboration
- Translate research into practical policy, institutional, and systems change
- Support more equitable economic outcomes across Canada

ROLE 1: BANKING, FINANCE & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Why This Expertise Matters

Financial systems significantly influence people's ability to **access credit, secure housing, finance a business, build assets, manage financial shocks, and participate fully in the economy.**

CIREJ is seeking individuals who can bring expertise on how banking, lending, financial products, regulation, and emerging financial technologies affect economic security and opportunity.

Who We Are Seeking

Professionals, practitioners, researchers, policymakers, regulators, and leaders working across banking, finance, and financial services.

- **Banking, Lending & Access to Capital:** Consumer banking, credit and lending; mortgages and housing finance; small-business and commercial lending; business financing and access to capital.
- **Financial Inclusion & Economic Mobility:** Access to banking and credit; household financial well-being; debt and savings; credit building, asset ownership, and wealth building.
- **Financial Systems & Consumer Protection:** Consumer protection and responsible lending; financial regulation and policy; financial stability and risk; financial vulnerability, fraud, and consumer safety.
- **Innovation & the Future of Finance:** Fintech and digital banking; payments and digital financial services; alternative lending; financial innovation and emerging financial technologies.



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ROLE 2: HOUSING & HOUSING SYSTEMS

Why This Expertise Matters

Housing is fundamental to **economic security, financial well-being, health, and opportunity**. Housing affordability, supply, rental conditions, access to homeownership, financing, development, and homelessness are interconnected with household finances, employment, health, financial systems, and public policy.

CIREJ is seeking individuals who can help examine the **policies, markets, institutions, and structural conditions influencing housing stability and access across Canada**.

Who We Are Seeking

Professionals, practitioners, researchers, policymakers, and leaders working across housing and related systems.

- **Housing Affordability & Stability:** Housing affordability; rental housing and tenant stability; homelessness prevention; supportive and transitional housing.
- **Housing Finance & Homeownership:** Mortgages and housing finance; pathways to homeownership; housing-related financial vulnerability; financing for affordable and community housing.
- **Housing Policy & Systems:** Municipal, provincial, and federal housing policy; housing research and data; community development; Indigenous and community housing; housing systems planning.



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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Executive Council members will:

- Advise on CIREJ's research agenda, priorities, and emerging economic and social issues.
- Identify emerging questions, evidence gaps, and opportunities for new research.
- Help connect CIREJ with researchers, institutions, industry partners, policymakers, community organizations, and other collaborators.
- Participate in or help lead a CIREJ Special Interest Group aligned with their expertise, where possible.
- Support the dissemination and practical application of CIREJ research through publications, consultations, events, policy discussions, and professional networks.

TERM & COMMITMENT

- **Term:** Two years, September 2026 – September 2028.
- **Meetings:** Approximately four virtual Executive Council meetings annually.
- **Preparation:** Review selected strategic or research materials in advance of meetings.
- **Participation:** Contribute advice and expertise and participate in selected research initiatives, consultations, or Special Interest Groups, where possible.
- **Overall Commitment:** The role is designed to provide meaningful engagement while remaining manageable alongside members' existing professional responsibilities.
- **Compensation:** This is a voluntary, non-remunerated leadership and advisory appointment.

WHY JOIN CIREJ?

- Help shape a growing Canadian research agenda on economic justice, financial well-being, housing stability, and systems change.
- Connect real-world professional and institutional knowledge with research, policy, and community perspectives.
- Collaborate with researchers, industry professionals, policymakers, government, and community leaders.
- Participate in research projects, consultations, publications, events, policy discussions, and public knowledge products.
- Participate in or help convene experts around research priorities aligned with your expertise.
- Contribute to evidence that can inform policy, institutional practice, and public discussion across Canada.



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CIREJ RESEARCH PRIORITIES

CIREJ's research focuses on:

- Economic Security & Financial Well-Being
- Housing Stability & Homelessness Prevention
- Financial Inclusion, Banking & Consumer Protection
- Technology Safety, Fraud Prevention & Digital Well-Being
- Employment Equity & Future of Work
- Equity, Policy & Systems Change
- Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST

Interested candidates are invited to submit a a résumé and brief expression of interest outlining:

- Current or previous professional role
- Relevant leadership, industry, policy, or research experience
- Primary area(s) of expertise
- Interest in contributing to CIREJ
- Perspective or contribution they would bring to the Executive Council
- **The role they are applying for: Role 1 – Banking, Finance & Financial Services or Role 2 – Housing & Housing Systems**

Email Subject Line: CIREJ Executive Council Expression of Interest – [Banking & Finance / Housing]

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