



Call for Self-Nominations: International Network Vice Chair and US Domestic Network Vice Chair (Two Positions)

Background: In early 2019, NIAID and its collaborating institutes are expected to issue a Request for Applications (RFA) to include much of the IMPAACT Network's current scientific portfolio. The next funding cycle is expected to begin on 1 December 2020 and continue for seven years thereafter. The current Network Chair's and Vice Chair's terms of service will continue through the end of the current funding period (30 November 2020). **The Network is soliciting self-nominations for two vice chair positions for the next funding cycle – one International Vice Chair and one US Domestic Vice Chair. The Vice Chairs-elect will work closely with the Network Chair-elect to lead preparation of the response to the RFA.**

Requirements and Selection Process: All interested and qualified investigators are asked to submit a cover letter summarizing their interest in and vision for the network and a NIH Biographical Sketch with a maximum of 25 selected publications to the IMPAACT Operations Center (IMPAACTops@fhi360.org) by **4 December 2018 at 5:00 PM ET**. The cover letter should also detail the applicant's experience in preparing grant applications and managing large, complex grants. Investigators need not be associated with a clinical research site to be eligible; however, site leadership experience would be considered a strength. No letters of support or other documentation should be submitted.

The IMPAACT Network Vice Chairs will be investigators with experience reflective of the network's scientific agenda and operational scope. They will work closely with the Network Chair to lead development of the response to the forthcoming RFA and to ensure that the network's scientific agenda is robust and consistent with its mission. The Network Vice Chairs will assist the Network Chair in all of the duties of that office and will assume the powers and duties of the Network Chair in the Chair's absence, including but not limited to presiding at meetings of Scientific Leadership Group (SLG) and Management Oversight Group (MOG). The Vice Chairs will also chair other network committees and groups (e.g., Multidisciplinary Protocol Review Group, Performance Evaluation Group) and lead special initiatives (e.g., periodic reviews of the scientific agenda, early career investigator program). In addition to the Network Chair, the Vice Chairs will represent the network at conferences and at meetings with collaborators, sponsors and community groups.

- The International Vice Chair will be responsible for representing the scientific interests of international investigators and clinical research sites and advising the SLG and MOG on international issues and perspectives.
- The US Domestic Vice Chair will be responsible for representing the scientific interests of US investigators and clinical research sites; however, international research background and experience will also be considered a strength, given the network's global research agenda and populations of interest.

The IMPAACT SLG will review the applicants' submissions, and SLG voting members exclusive of NIH representatives will elect the new Vice Chairs. Any current SLG member who self-nominates will be recused from the entire review and election process.

Please note the following:

- **A minimum level of effort of 25% (between 25% and 50% is expected) will be required of each Vice Chair beginning 1 December 2020.**
- The Vice Chairs' terms of service are expected to begin with the next grant cycle (1 December 2020) and continue through the anticipated seven-year grant. In advance of that term, the Vice Chairs-elect will join the IMPAACT SLG and MOG as non-voting members to ensure a smooth transition; a modest amount of salary support will be provided from 1 January 2019 through 30 November 2020.