



# Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

## Académie canadienne des sciences de la santé

### LEADERSHIP

In support of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences' (CAHS) Autism Spectrum Disorder assessment and engagement process, an Oversight Panel and three Working Groups will be created.

The chair of the Oversight Panel, its members and working group members will be selected by CAHS' Assessment and Scientific Affairs Committee.

The Assessment and Scientific Affairs Committee will focus on expertise, credibility and openness in its selection of the Oversight Panel and Working Group members.

Members of the autism community will be included on the Panel and Working Groups and will be identified through an open call to stakeholders.

Once the Chair of the Oversight Panel is selected, the individual will take part in the selection of the other members of the panel and the working groups.

Information on each of these groups – including their selection processes – is available below.



#### OVERSIGHT PANEL

- The Oversight Panel will include those with expertise in various fields, notably health and social sciences, as well as representation from the autism community.
- The Chair of the Oversight Panel will lead the academic, scientific and knowledge work of the assessment. They will be selected on the following merits:
  - Expertise in the domain;
  - Credibility;
  - Communications skills;
  - Capacity to work collaboratively with others; and
  - Ability to enable all voices to be heard.



#### WORKING GROUPS

- Three Working Groups will be established, focusing on:
  - Social inclusion
  - Economic inclusion
  - Evidence-based interventions
- The Chairs of each Working Group will also be members of the Oversight Panel.
- Working Group members will be sought out amongst experts, with a focus on impartiality and credibility, and be as diverse as possible, represented through gender, age, geography, race, culture, language, work domain, and more.
- All Working Group members will be volunteers.
- The autism community will be represented on the Oversight Panel and each Working Group.

