

COL CHAIRS PROGRAMME

Instructions for applicants

This application is intended for individuals interested in applying to the COL Chairs Programme. Background information and the Terms of Reference can be found at: www.col.org/about/col-chairs.

- be affiliated with an academic institution, civil society organisation, or other institution; and
- be endorsed by the head of the host organisation or institution.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

Applicants are requested to complete the Proforma reply in full. Any missing information may disqualify an applicant from having their application reviewed by the COL Chairs Programme Committee.

A confirmation email will be sent to each applicant.

Submission deadline: April 30, 2026.

Minimum Criteria for Applicants


To be eligible for the COL Chairs Programme, applicants should:

- be a citizen of a Commonwealth country;
- hold a PhD, EdD or equivalent qualification or experience;
- have a strong international reputation and network in any of COL's areas of competence;
- have a proven track record in conducting research and other innovative activities in COL's area of interest as listed at:
<https://www.col.org/about/col-chairs/>.

Applicants should direct submissions and any queries on the COL Chairs Programme application to: COLHigherEd@col.org.

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PROFORMA APPLICATION

COL Chairs Programme

Please complete all boxes below. There are four parts to the application:

- **PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION** *(Proforma Application)*
- **PART II: PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION** *(Proforma Application)*
- **PART III: ENDORSEMENT BY HEAD OF HOSTING ORGANISATION OR INSTITUTION**
(Include as a separate attachment)
- **PART III: RESUME** *(Include as a separate attachment)*

PART I: PERSONAL INFORMATION

(All fields must be completed)

1. Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Gender: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Position: Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Institution: Click or tap here to enter text.

5. Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Phone (office): Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Phone (home): Click or tap here to enter text.

8. Email: Click or tap here to enter text.



PART II: PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION *(All fields must be completed)*

1. Please outline your suitability to apply to the COL Chairs Programme. Consider your professional experience, role in advancing COL's areas of interest and professional networks that will facilitate completing the duties of the COL Chair appointment (500 words max):

Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Please outline the proposed activity/activities you intend to pursue as a COL Chair as it relates to research, innovation and thought leadership in COL's areas of interest (500 words max):

Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Please outline the intended outcomes and impact of the proposed activity/activities you outlined in item 2) above (refer to COL's Strategic Plan 2021-2027). Who (which individuals, organisations or institutions) will benefit in short, medium and long-term periods of the proposed activity/activities? (500 words max):

Click or tap here to enter text.

PART III: ENDORSEMENT BY HEAD OF HOSTING ORGANISATION OR INSTITUTION

Please include a letter of endorsement by the head of the hosting organisation or institution indicating their support for the applicant's candidacy.

PART IV: RESUME SUBMISSION

Please include an updated resume as an additional attachment to the email submission.

Email your completed application to the following email address: COLHigherEd@col.org by April 30, 2026.

A confirmation email acknowledging receipt will be sent to each applicant following submission.