

Purpose & Mandate of STAN:

Canada's Science and Technology Awareness Network (STAN) enhances the profile and influence of the science and technology education and public awareness sector. STAN is a member driven organization comprising more than 200 STEM professionals and 100 public and private sector institutions, including government ministries, school boards, corporations, museums, science centres and individuals. The Science and Technology Awareness Network exists to strengthen science and technology culture across Canada. STAN serves as a catalyst for like-minded individuals, institutions, and government agencies to facilitate communication and collaboration, and to focus the power of their collective capacity on increasing Canada's global competitiveness in the knowledge economy.

Opportunity (Why become a Board Member):

In 2022, STAN will continue to grow and support the renewed network developed. STAN aims to nurture collaborations and forge new relationships between STEM educators, promoters, and communicators across Canada for the benefit of all Canadians. STAN is the hub for networking and connecting organizations, for cementing partnerships between members, and for creating opportunities to serve more Canadians more effectively than ever before. STAN Board members will make connections that could help propel their organizations and careers to new heights.

Commitments

Time:

- 1-year commitment, up to 4 years before being re-elected by the membership
- Board meetings at a frequency of 1 very 6 weeks (one and a half hour)
- Committee meetings (as needed, hour- long meetings)
- Five (5) to ten (10) hours of work per month, as required*
- Ability to travel using professional or personal funds, perhaps once a year

**Take note that this is a working board, and you will be expected to support and deliver on projects.*

Committee Opportunities:

Being a member of STAN committees, with possibility of Chairing one: Membership Engagement, Finance, Nominations, and Strategic Communications, EDIA.

Criteria:

STAN is actively seeking candidates who can help us reach our goals of sector diversity, geographic diversity, generational diversity, bilingualism, and race diversity. All applicants will be considered.

Skills

- Network building tact, diplomacy and interpersonal skills
- Extensive experience in STEM education, promotion, and/or communication
- Innovative thinking and problem solving
- Judgment and project management
- Bilingualism preferred

Abilities

- To think in non-traditional and innovative ways
- Decision-making
- Communicate effectively, orally and in writing
- Effectively represent STAN on the local, regional, provincial, national and international levels
- An interest in communications, finance, event planning, and/or social media considered an asset

Personal Suitability

- Engagement and commitment
- Knowledge of current issues in science and technology
- Integrity, reliability and availability
- Initiative and motivation
- Has a strong personal network
- Effective interpersonal relations
- Effective team player
- Leadership skills
- Creativity
- Diplomacy, tact and discretion
- Persuasiveness

To apply, you must:

- Be an existing member of STAN, or register as a member;
- Complete the [application form](#);
- No more than two letters of reference; none are required.

Send your questions and applications to stan.rsst@gmail.com by January 31, 2022.