



ACCREDITING COMMISSION FOR
COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
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Dear Colleagues,

Please share this information with anyone at your institution or a member of the public you think would be interested. ACCJC is currently seeking interest from individuals to serve in the Commission's Appeals Hearing Panel Pool. As described in the *Policy on Institutional Appeals* (<https://accjc.org/wp-content/uploads/Policy-on-Institutional-Appeals.pdf>), in the event a member institution appeals an adverse action taken by the Commission, a Hearing Panel is convened from those in the pool to hear the appeal and make a decision. Members of the pool serve three-year terms.

The Appeals Hearing Panel Pool consists of at least fifteen (15) persons appointed by the Commission's Nominating Committee. The Appeals Hearing Panel Pool includes academics and administrators from member institutions, as well as representatives of the public. *Academic members* may be a current faculty member, academic administrator, librarian, or other academic reflecting the diversity of the region and/or institutional membership. *Administrators* bring administrative experience as current chief executive officers in a two-year institution or district/system. A *public representative* is someone who is not an employee, member of a governing board, owner, shareholder, or consultant to an institution that has applied for, is in candidacy for, or is accredited by ACCJC; a member of any trade association or membership organization related to, affiliated with, or associated with ACCJC; or a spouse, child, parent, or sibling of such individuals.

The Commission's Nominating Committee will nominate members to the Appeals Hearing Panel Pool who reflect the composition described above. Diversity in institutional characteristics (mission, size, geography, location), diversity in ethnicity and gender, and variety in specialized professional experience are all taken into consideration.

If you are interested in serving in the Commission's Appeals Hearing Panel Pool, please submit the Appeals Hearing Panel Pool Interest Form (<https://accjc.org/appeals-hearing-panel-pool-interest-form/>). If you have any questions regarding the pool please contact your ACCJC Staff Liaison.

Sincerely,

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