

Dear Prospective Volunteer,

The Canadian Risk and Hazards Network (CRHNet) invites you to apply for the 2025/26 Professional Development (PD) Committee. We are looking for passionate individuals who are committed to growing and advocating for our community and creating opportunities for professional development. If you are interested in joining the CRHNet PD Committee for the 2025/26 year, please submit your [online application](#)! **Applications are open from July 15th to August 10th, 2025.**

The CRHNet PD Committee is dedicated to providing opportunities for individuals to grow as professionals in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster and Emergency Management (D&EM) across Canada through events. Events can include specific training sessions and skill development, as well as more community-based events, such as networking.

CRHNet is committed to Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation and upholding the principles of anti-racism, equity, diversity, and inclusion. Our aim is to create committees that reflect the many social identities of the CRHNet's membership, including ethnic origin, race, age, disability, religion, gender identity and expression, and sexual orientation.

All of our committee positions are volunteer, and committee meetings take place virtually over Zoom. All committee members are asked to provide approximately 5-10 hours of volunteer work per month.

We thank all who apply to join the PD committee. Selected applicants will be contacted for interviews in August before committee appointments are approved in late August/September 2025.

The CRHNet PD committee strives to provide accommodation during all parts of the application process, upon request, to applicants with disabilities. To ask questions or to request a Word document copy of the application form or other accommodation(s) that you may require to ensure your equal participation, please contact [ep@crhnet.ca](mailto:ep@crhnet.ca).

Sincerely,

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## **Committee Roles and Responsibilities**

The 2025/26 CRHNet PD Committee has two branches, which are outlined in detail below.

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### **Events - Training/Skills Development**

This branch is responsible for generating events that offer professionals opportunities to come together to learn or develop their skills and abilities through workshops, training, and certifications. The Training and Skills Development branch will work closely with the Community and Networking Events branch to ensure the PD Committee offers a variety of events throughout the year. Some examples of Training and Skills Development events are as follows:

- Incident Command System (ICS) Certifications
- Mental Health First Aid Training
- Emergency ASL Courses

### **Events - Community/Networking**

The Community and Networking events branch will be responsible for providing professionals with events that will broaden their involvement with the emergency management community, existing resources and leaders, and one another. The Community and Networking Events branch will work closely with the Training and Skills Development branch to ensure the PD Committee offers a variety of events throughout the year. Some examples of Community and Networking events are as follows:

- Professional Talks
- Job Fair Events
- Trivia Nights

