

Manitoba Agriculture Research and Innovation Committee

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Mandate:

MARIC helps direct research that accelerates the Agri-Food sector's contribution to economic growth through the facilitation of strategic, transparent, accountable, quantifiable, affordable and supported by industry stakeholders as a part of the five-year CAP program.

Authority:

Federal-Provincial CAP agreement

Responsibilities:

MARIC is responsible for assessing research proposals based on criteria developed by Manitoba Agriculture & Resource Development and provide funding recommendations to the Minister. Committee members meet to examine and evaluate applications/proposals for funding under the research component of CAP. MARIC will focus on projects that advance grain innovation, livestock production, agri-resource management, processing and value added, and market development.

The duties of MARIC are grouped into three main activities:

Strategic Direction - Develops and maintain a strategic plan for agricultural research in Manitoba based on the direction provided by the Minister in an annual mandate letter outlining the department's research priorities.

Funding Recommendations - Develops criteria to assess research proposals. Develops performance measures, monitors and measures research programs. Assesses research proposals and makes funding recommendations to the Minister.

Promotion and Communication - Supports research extension and communication, advocates areas of research and stimulates interest in research, develops formal and information communication and collaboration with Manitoba, Canadian and international stakeholders.

Membership:

MARIC consists of up to nine members chosen by the Minister of Agriculture and Resource Development. Members are selected for their technical knowledge and ability to competently represent the research needs of the agriculture industry, and reflect the diversity of the research community and the industry.

Length of Terms:

Two years as prescribed by the Boards, Committees, Councils and Commissions Streamlining Act, with the possibility of extension to a maximum of five years to meet the requirements of the five-year federal-provincial CAP agreement (March 31, 2023).

Desirable Experience:

Ability to evaluate various proposals, some of a scientific nature. Should have some understanding of the operations of business proposals.

Meetings:

Location: Winnipeg

Frequency: Bi-Monthly

Remuneration:

Co-Chair: \$300 per day or \$150 per half day (up to 3.5 hours)

Members: \$200 per day or \$100 per half day (up to 3.5 hours)

All costs incurred by MARIC will be covered by the federal government as per the terms of the CAP. Per diems for non-civil servants appointed to MARIC are set at the rate commensurate with other Agriculture committees.