

Call for Expressions of Interest

Membership of the Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council - Economics and Al Engineering

The Minister for Trade Promotion, Digital and Company Regulation Dara Calleary TD is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified individuals to serve as additional voluntary members of the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Advisory Council for the remaining duration of its current term (2024-2025).

There are currently two vacancies on the Council. Expressions are sought from individuals with relevant skills and experience in the areas of:

- 1. Economics of Al or
- 2. Al engineering experience in the startup/SME/indigenous enterprise sector.

The Council's role is to provide independent expert advice to Government on artificial intelligence policy, with a specific focus on building public trust and promoting the development of trustworthy, person-centred AI.

The Council was established under Strand 1 of the National AI Strategy, *AI - Here for Good*, the objective of which is strong public trust in AI as a force for societal good in Ireland. The Council is chaired by Dr Patricia Scanlon. Further information is available at: enterprise.gov.ie/en/news-and-events/department-news/2024/january/17012024.html

Work of the AI Advisory Council

The Artificial Intelligence Advisory Council is tasked with the following functions:

- 1. Providing expert guidance, insights, and recommendations in response to specific requests from government on emerging issues in artificial intelligence.
- Developing and delivering its own workplan of advice to government on issues in artificial intelligence policy which it deems of particular priority in the current and future AI landscape, providing insights on trends, opportunities, and challenges.
- 3. Engaging in public communications aimed at demystifying and promoting trustworthy, ethical and person-centred AI. This may include media interviews, participation in public and sectoral events, or other communications activity.

This Council's self-directed work will have due regard to and avoid duplicating existing government policies which are in the process of implementation, including in particular the National AI Strategy and the National Digital Strategy, as well as the White Paper on Enterprise, and Connecting Government 2030.

While membership is not limited to Irish citizens or those resident in Ireland, in order to be considered for membership, candidates will demonstrate experience working in Ireland's specific policy context.

The AI Advisory Council meets formally a minimum of three times a year. It is expected that the time commitment for members' participation will be between 5-15 days per annum. Participation in the Council is not remunerated. Travel and subsistence expenses (from within Europe) may be refunded in line with Department of Public, Expenditure, National Development Plan Delivery and Reform guidelines.

The Minister appoints the members of the Council having due regard to achieving a spectrum of experience and expertise as well as gender balance in its overall membership. Members participate in the Council and its work in their own right as private individuals with relevant experience and expertise and not as formal representatives of their employers or organisations of which they may be members.

How to Express Your Interest

Expressions of interest are sought by Monday, 30 September 2024 at the latest, in the form of a short CV (1 page) and a covering letter of no more than 600 words setting out relevant experience and expertise and how this would contribute to the work of the Council to AlStrategy@enterprise.gov.ie.

Any queries or requests for clarification in advance of the deadline can be directed to katrina.flynn@enterprise.gov.ie in the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.