

Submission Checklist - External Reviewer Information Example 1

External Reviewer Information (as appropriate)

Please provide below commentary on the external reviewers selected to review the proposed new program. In particular, please include sufficient detail on the following elements so that members of the Appraisal Committee can be assured of the suitability of the external reviewers to conduct the review:

- Commentary on their disciplinary expertise and other related experiences to explain their selection for this review;
- Related qualifications and program management experience, including an appreciation of pedagogy and learning outcomes (NOTE: for the latter element, it is sufficient for one of the two external reviewers to meet this requirement);
- As appropriate, details regarding appropriate connections to industry;
- For a proposed interdisciplinary program: confirmation that the external review team as a whole has sufficient and appropriate disciplinary expertise to cover the disciplinary fields of the program; and
- Confirmation that they were at arm's length from the program under review.

Commentary on the External Reviewers for the Proposed [REDACTED]

Program

The selection of Dr. [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] and Dr. [REDACTED] O [REDACTED] as external reviewers for the proposed [REDACTED] program was based on their significant disciplinary expertise and related experiences within the field of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Dr. [REDACTED] B [REDACTED]:

- **Disciplinary Expertise and Related Experiences:** Dr. B [REDACTED] is a distinguished Professor of [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED] with a substantial and recognized background directly relevant to the proposed [REDACTED] program. His expertise spans critical areas such as [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and, notably, [REDACTED]. This deep understanding of the foundational and applied aspects of [REDACTED], with a specific focus on [REDACTED], aligns directly with the core themes of a [REDACTED] program. His role as the Director of the [REDACTED] further underscores his specialized knowledge in [REDACTED], a central pillar of the program under review. His involvement with national organizations like the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) and the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) provides him with a broad understanding of the Canadian landscape in this field.
- **Related Qualifications and Program Management Experience:** As a long-standing professor and former Dean of the Faculty of [REDACTED] at the [REDACTED], Dr. B [REDACTED] possesses considerable experience in academic administration and program oversight. These leadership roles demonstrate his

understanding of curriculum development, program structure, and quality assurance processes within a university setting. While specific details regarding his direct pedagogical research are not immediately available, his extensive experience in developing and leading academic programs within a reputable institution suggests an appreciation for pedagogy and the importance of well-defined learning outcomes.

- **Appropriate Connections to Industry:** Dr. B [REDACTED] involvement with the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) indicates connections to industry stakeholders within the [REDACTED] sector. This linkage ensures that his perspective on the program's relevance and alignment with current industry needs is well-informed.

Dr. [REDACTED] O [REDACTED]:

- **Disciplinary Expertise and Related Experiences:** Dr. O [REDACTED] is a Professor and Chair of the Department of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], with a strong research focus in [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. While her primary research area is not [REDACTED], the foundational principles of [REDACTED], including [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] are highly relevant to a [REDACTED] program. Her expertise in [REDACTED] and her broader understanding of [REDACTED] principles provide a valuable complementary perspective to Dr. B [REDACTED] specialization in [REDACTED] areas. Her experience as the interim and founding Chair of [REDACTED]'s new Department of [REDACTED] also highlights her experience in building and shaping academic programs in related [REDACTED] fields.
- **Related Qualifications and Program Management Experience, including an appreciation of pedagogy and learning outcomes:** As the current Chair of the Department of [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], Dr. O [REDACTED] has direct experience in program management, curriculum development, and ensuring the quality of academic offerings. Her extensive experience in teaching and supervising graduate students demonstrates a strong appreciation for pedagogy and the importance of clearly articulated learning outcomes. Her leadership in establishing a new [REDACTED] department further underscores her understanding of the academic planning and delivery process, including the crucial role of effective pedagogy.
- **Appropriate Connections to Industry:** Dr. O [REDACTED] research, successfully applied in diverse domains such as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], underscores her deep understanding of fundamental and adaptable [REDACTED] principles that are highly relevant to the interdisciplinary nature of a [REDACTED] curriculum and its potential industry applications.

Confirmation of Sufficient and Appropriate Disciplinary Expertise:

The external review team, comprising Dr. B [REDACTED] and Dr. O [REDACTED], collectively possesses sufficient and appropriate disciplinary expertise to cover the disciplinary fields of

the proposed [REDACTED] program. Dr. B [REDACTED]'s deep specialization in [REDACTED] and related [REDACTED] areas directly addresses the core content of the program. Dr. O [REDACTED]'s broad expertise in [REDACTED], including [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], provides a complementary perspective on the foundational principles and pedagogical aspects of the program. Together, their diverse yet relevant expertise ensures a comprehensive review of the proposed curriculum.

Confirmation of Arm's Length:

We confirm that both external reviewers were at arm's length from the program under review.

- Were faculty CVs provided to the external reviewers (and therefore not included in submission package)?².

² Please note that the Appraisal Committee may still request faculty CVs.