



SVRI Leadership Council: Call for Applications 2020

With over 7000 members, the [SVRI](#) is the largest global network working to expand our knowledge and understanding of how to address violence against women and children in developing countries.

Our work clusters around four pillars: Building evidence, strengthening capacity, promoting partnerships and influencing change. SVRI is also home to the [SVRI Forum](#) - the largest biennial global conference for research on violence against women, violence against children and violence driven by gender inequality – bringing together researchers, funders, practitioners, policymakers and activists to connect, learn and share.

The SVRI, established in 2003, was first hosted by the World Health Organisation before moving to the Global South to be hosted by the South African Medical Research Council. In 2019, we registered as an independent NGO. The [SVRI Coordinating Group](#) has been instrumental in guiding us through this transition and we are now working to further strengthen and expand our governance structures by establishing the SVRI Leadership Council.

As part of this process, we are now inviting applications from committed and passionate individuals wanting to join SVRI's Leadership Council.

The SVRI Leadership Council

The SVRI Leadership Council will play a critical role in providing guidance on the strategic direction of the SVRI, its policies, strategies and programmes, to ensure SVRI continues to advance research on violence against women and children in low- and middle-income countries.

Composition of the Council

SVRI's Leadership Council is made up of a diverse mix of between 9 to 11 individuals with deep commitment to, and a wide range of experiences with, research and evidence-based policy and programming on violence against women and violence against children. We aim for a Council that represents different perspectives, experiences, constituencies and geographical diversity.

Leadership Council members are expected to embrace and exemplify SVRI's principles of being feminist and women-centred, rights-based, ethical, innovative, collaborative and equitable.

Want to join the SVRI Leadership Council?

Does some or all the following describe you?

- a proven track record of quality research and / or programming on violence against women and / or violence against children?
- experience and skills in translating evidence into policy and practice?
- experience in policymaking and/or service provision?
- expertise in and knowledge of capacity strengthening for research?
- skills and linkages to support SVRI in our fundraising efforts?
- connections to local and/or international networks of researchers, advocates or policymakers for advancing research on violence against women and/or violence against children?
- time to devote to the SVRI?

Then we would love to hear from you!

We are particularly keen on receiving applications from individuals based in geographical locations currently under-represented in the Leadership Council (e.g. Asia-Pacific, Latin America, the Caribbean, Middle East and North Africa).

What to expect?

The Leadership Council provides strategic guidance to the work of the SVRI. The group meets in person once a year to review the work of the SVRI and plan for future work. Regular contact between the SVRI staff, Board and Leadership Council is maintained throughout the year via routine monthly reports, and ad hoc electronic and telephonic communications to ensure the smooth functioning of the SVRI's work and governance structures.

You can expect to:

- Provide strategic guidance to the SVRI for the successful delivery of [SVRI's Strategic Plan](#).

- Assist the SVRI to further develop our long-term strategy, which may include goals for future years, fundraising and the organisation's sustainability.
- Work with the SVRI to plan the SVRI Forum.
- Act as ambassadors for the SVRI at different events in which you participate and assist the SVRI to expand our networks and partnerships, especially in under-researched, under-represented regions and populations.
- Peer review SVRI's knowledge outputs, including publications.
- Commit up to two weeks a year pro-bono to support the SVRI, including participating in one annual two-day meeting and other SVRI events, as required and as funding allows.

Application Process:

The SVRI Leadership Council is made up of 9-11 members. We are looking to fill available member slots through this call.

The application process will use a three-tiered selection approach:

The first tier:

Email us at - svri@svri.org - a one – two page CV, with an overview of your professional trajectory, highlighting what particular skills and experience make you ideally poised to help the SVRI advance research on violence against women and violence against children in low- and middle-income countries and a motivational letter on why you would like to be on the LC (2 pages maximum).

Last date for submitting completed applications is 16 March 2020

The second tier:

In April-June 2020, the SVRI Leadership Council Selection Committee will shortlist and interview all shortlisted applicants.

The third tier:

In July 2020, the interim SVRI Leadership Council will meet to decide on the final selection.

The new Council members will officially start their three-year term in October 2020.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at svri@svri.org.

Thank you!