

7. Membership

7.1. Categories of Membership

Membership in the Association shall be by institution or organization/association. There shall be five (5) categories of members in the Association, as follows:

7.1.1 . Institutional Membership

Institutional membership in the Association is open to Canadian universities which have a formal structure and procedures for the administration of graduate degree programs, and which are members in good standing of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). Only one membership is allowed per institution, and this membership rests with the official graduate school of the university. Institutional representatives are Deans and the Associate/Assistant/Vice-Deans or equivalents.

Applicants must submit a copy of the current graduate calendar and current enrolment statistics, by program, as well as a letter of application. The letter of application should be submitted by the President or Chief Executive Officer of the institution and should include:

- description of the criteria used in determining faculty participation in graduate programs as supervisors and instructors;
- how graduate education fits with the mission of the institution;
- a statement indicating agreement with the objectives of CAGS and with any policy statement or policies as published in the Operations and Policy Manual;
- a description of the structure of the graduate school and the person(s) responsible for the administration (and who would be the institutional representatives)

7.1.2. Graduate Student Association Membership

Graduate Student Association membership is open to graduate student associations which are national in scope, are themselves comprised of associations that are institution-wide associations of students and which have primary objectives that are consistent with those of CAGS.

Applicants for Graduate Student Association membership must submit a copy of their By-Laws, a list of officers and statistical information concerning their membership.

There will be one seat on the Board for a graduate student.

7.1.3. Corresponding Membership

Corresponding membership is open to related national or international organizations (e.g. CGS, UK Council for Graduate Education), and to any institution in Canada which may be planning to offer graduate work in the next 5 years and wishes to be kept informed of CAGS activities and to participate in the conferences and other activities of the Association.

The letter of application must be submitted by the Chief Executive Officer of the organization and should include a statement of what benefits would result from becoming a Corresponding member, and, as appropriate, a copy of the By-Laws of the organization, description of its membership, activities and other information relevant to graduate studies.

The Corresponding members shall be eligible to be elected to the Board as Directors.

7.1.4. Federal Research-Granting Agency Membership

This category of membership is open to the federal research-granting agencies (e.g. CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC).

The letter of application must be submitted by the Chief Executive Officer of the Agency.

The federal research-granting agencies shall have one member to serve on the Board.

7.1.5. Sustaining Membership

This category of membership is open to nonprofit and for-profit organizations which provide services to graduate studies and research and which support the purpose of the Association.

The letter of application must be submitted by a senior Officer of the organization and should include a description of the services it provides to graduate studies and research and any other relevant information to the application.

Sustaining members are not eligible to serve on the Board.

7.2. Application for Membership

All applications for membership to CAGS are reviewed by the Board and a recommendation is presented by the Board for vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

7.3. Directory, Mailings and Listservs

Member organizations in all categories shall be listed in the CAGS Membership Directory together with the names of their representatives. These representatives will receive all mailings and may participate in the CAGS-L and CAGSA-L discussion groups in accordance with the current policy governing mailing, CAGS-L and CAGSA-L

7.4. Withdrawal

Any member may withdraw from the Association by delivering to the Association a written resignation.

7.5. Regional Associations

When regional associations or groups for graduate studies are formed, comprising in whole or in part of CAGS members, CAGS will maintain appropriate relations with such regional entities for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Association.