

Call for applicants for nominations as candidates for election to the Administrative Panel of Seanad Éireann.

Applicant Pledge and Assessment Criteria

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A number of Nominating Bodies of the Seanad Administrative Panel are seeking applicants from individuals who wish to be nominated to that panel in order to agree a list of candidates for the forthcoming Seanad Election and hereby seeks expressions of interests from persons interested in being so nominated.

The candidates selected by the nominating bodies to contest the election of the Administrative Panel shall:

1. Possess the personal qualities and skills to be an able and effective member of Seanad Éireann.
2. Be a person of the highest personal integrity with a strong commitment to public service.
3. Have comprehensive knowledge and extensive practical experience of public administration and social services, including voluntary social activities.
4. Display a commitment to represent and advance the participation of civil society generally, including the nominating bodies and their membership, in the Oireachtas and in public debate at all levels.
5. Be an Independent member of Seanad Éireann for the entire duration of the Seanad term and not to seek or to accept any party or political grouping whip or instruction on how to vote as a member of Seanad Éireann.
6. Have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the objectives, works and mission of the participating nominating bodies for the Administrative panel.
7. Be prepared to work in a coordinated way with other persons nominated by nominating bodies who are successfully elected to Seanad Éireann in advancing the work and mission of the nominating bodies.
8. Display strong advocacy and communications skills along with a strong capacity for networking and have a proven ability to build significant relationships across the policy making process, the political system and civil society.
9. Display a significant knowledge of public administration and the legislative process and a capacity for effective engagement on policy issues with

the political and public service system at local, regional and national level as well as showing an appreciation of the international and European context in which the Irish legislative and policy making process operates.

10. Have the capacity and be willing to engage strongly in canvassing/promotion of their suitability as a member of the Seanad.
11. Have good knowledge of the Irish political system and how it operates, in particular have a good knowledge of the workings of Seanad Éireann
12. Applicants should also be at least 21 years of age, or have reached that age by the closing date for Seanad nominations and be otherwise qualified for membership of Seanad Éireann.

13. Assessment Criteria, (1 to 12 above), and Applicant Pledge.

If elected to Seanad Éireann, I pledge to fulfil all of my responsibilities as an independent, non-aligned public representative acting at all times in the public interest in keeping with the pledge and the applicant criteria set out above.

I pledge also to utilise to the best of my ability “my knowledge and practical experience” of the ‘Public Administration and social services, including voluntary social activities’, in the true spirit of vocational representation as envisaged by Article 18 of Bunreacht na hÉireann.

I pledge, in accordance with my conscience and in pursuit of the common good that I will seek to be a strong voice in the Oireachtas having regard to the mission of the nominating bodies within the context of the remit of the Administrative Panel.

Signed: _____ Applicant seeking nomination

Date: _____

