

European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA) *Call for nominations: General Board Members*

We are delighted to announce an open call for nominations to fill **four vacant positions** on the ESWRA Board as General Board Members. The ESWRA Board typically comprises thirteen General Board Members and two Doctoral Members. The deadline for nominations is Tuesday **13th February 2024**.

About European Social Work Research Association (ESWRA)

Founded in 2014, the Association is at an exciting time in its development, consolidating our existing strengths whilst growing our membership and developing new Association activities and resources. We are looking for Board Members who will bring enthusiasm, energy, and commitment to the role, and take a pro-active lead in fulfilling ESWRA Goals.

- **BENEFITS:** To promote social work research which will have beneficial consequences for practitioners, service users, educators, researchers, graduate students, and those responsible for service development and delivery.
- **HIGH STANDARD OF RESEARCH:** To foster and maintain the development of high levels of social work research and knowledge production across the European community of nations.
- **RESEARCH CAPACITY and LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:** To enhance both capacity and learning opportunities within and across the European social work community.
- **RESEARCH METHODS FOR SOCIAL WORK:** To provide an environment for the application of research methods and approaches by those from a wide range of disciplines within and beyond the social sciences, in forms which have relevance for social work practice and research.
- **NETWORKS AND COLLABORATION:** To build and work with networks of social work researchers within Europe and actively foster links between European and wider international research networks.

Eligibility Criteria for General Board Member Positions:

We invite all ESWRA members who aspire to contribute actively and assume leadership roles within the association to consider seeking election for these positions. Proficiency in English is a prerequisite for candidates.

We seek applications/nominations from Individuals who:

- 1. Is currently an ESWRA member (at the time of application).**
- 2. Possess Senior Level Academic Leadership and Management Experience:**
 - Demonstrated leadership in academia.
 - Proven management skills.
- 3. Express Interest in Future Role as ESWRA Treasurer:**
 - Individuals with financial acumen and a willingness to assume the role of Treasurer in the future.
- 4. Represent underrepresented european countries:**
 - Nominations from European countries currently underrepresented are encouraged, including but not limited to:
 - France, Slovenia, Slovakia, Czechia, Netherlands, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Bulgaria, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Turkiye.
 - Details of current Board Members are available at: <https://www.eswra.org/structure.html>

Nomination Process:

Candidates can either self-nominate or be nominated by fellow ESWRA members.

Application Process:

Those interested should send a **submission letter** to info@eswra.org. The letter indicating willingness to serve on the Board should also include:

- name, title, job title & email address.
- university or other organisational affiliation (name & department).
- confirmation of institutional support for a Board member.
- confirmation of your current membership of ESWRA.
- a list of which European Conferences for social Work Research (ECSWR) you have attended.
- if you do not work in a European institution, then a demonstration of a clear connection to the social work research community in Europe.
- confirmation that you are free to act for three years.
- confirmation that, if elected, you are willing to take on a major Board officer role if asked to do so. Please indicate which roles or committees you would be interested in taking on in the future. Committees can be found here: Board roles here: https://eswra.org/eswra_commities.php
- a statement of up 150 words **maximum** briefly outlining your work relevant to social work research and the aims of ESWRA, an indication of what you might offer to the Board in terms of expertise e.g., IT skills; languages; international collaboration experience; research methods teaching; legal aspects of running an organisation; familiarity with Secretary or Treasurer duties; etc. *Please note that if your name is put forward for election, your text will be hosted on the ESWRA website for the purposes of the election.*
- a link to your profile on your institution's website (if that is available).

Calendar for Selection/Election Process:

- **Nomination period** 16 January - 13 February 4 weeks
- **Application deadline** 13th February
- **Review of nominations** 15th - 19th February
- **Voting period** 22nd - 29th February
- **Announcement** of results w/c Monday 4th March
- **Where to send your application:** info@eswra.org

We appreciate your dedication to advancing social work research, and we eagerly await your participation in shaping the future of the European Social Work Research Association. For further details and inquiries, please contact me at ozansalcuk2@gmail.com or ESWRA at: info@eswra.org

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Nominations and Election Committee

Ozan Selcuk, Chair