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FOR INTERNATIONAL PANEL FOR ACCOUNTANCY
EDUCATION (IPAE) IN 2026

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INTERNATIONAL PANEL FOR ACCOUNTANCY EDUCATION (IPAE)

PANEL SIZE:

20 members³

VACANCIES:

1 Chair

1–6 members

Included in the above is 1 current member eligible for re-appointment

IPAE CHAIR POSITION

Introduction

The current Chair's term will end on December 31, 2025. The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations of highly qualified individuals with strong leadership skills and extensive background in accountancy education and related fields to fill the role of the IPAE Chair. This is a voluntary position for which the annual time commitment is estimated to be 200–300 hours, excluding travel.

The IPAE Chair is initially appointed for a 3-year term commencing on January 1, 2026, and could be re-appointed for a total service period of up to nine years.

The Chair updates the IFAC Board on the achievement of IFAC objectives as they relate to the IPAE work program. The Nominating Committee reviews the Chair's performance annually based on feedback provided by the IPAE members and the achievement of the IPAE Work Plan.

The Requirements for the IPAE Chair

The Chair works collaboratively with the IPAE staff and leads the multi-cultural volunteer group to advance global accountancy education in line with IFAC's strategic objectives.

The IPAE Chair's responsibilities:

- Develop the IPAE's strategy and oversee the execution of the IPAE's work program.
- Lead IPAE meetings that actively engage members, support differing views, and ensure all viewpoints are considered.
- Effectively manage differing viewpoints and work towards a consensus.
- Develop thought leadership and contribute to IFAC as the voice of the global profession.
- Act as the key spokesperson in representing the IPAE externally.
- Oversee the efficient use of volunteer resources for achieving objectives.
- Identify emerging issues related to accountancy education.
- Assist the Nominating Committee with the annual nomination process for IPAE members.
- Review the performance of IPAE members annually according to the Volunteer Performance Program.
- Report to the IFAC Board and Council on the IPAE's work.



ABOUT THE IPAE

The International Panel on Accountancy Education (the Panel) is a key feature of IFAC's approach to advancing accountancy education at the global level. The Panel is instrumental in advising IFAC on how to best assist professional accountancy organizations in preparing future-ready accountants. For more information, please visit the [IPAE webpage](#) on the IFAC Website.

³ The IPAE membership is no less than 16 and no more than 22 members based on its Terms of Reference.

Desired Qualifications for Chair Nominees

A nominee should have a strong background in accountancy education and hold senior-level positions within the accounting profession or related field. Strong support from the candidate's nominating and/or employing organization in terms of time commitment and other professional resources is important.

Key attributes include:

- Extensive experience and leadership positions in the accountancy profession.
- Strategic thinker and ability to align the IPAE strategy with IFAC's strategy.
- A commitment to the public interest.
- Strong leadership skills.
- Ability to effectively build a team with a globally diverse group of professionals.
- Experience in standard-setting and a commitment to follow due process that will maintain the integrity, authority, and legitimacy of the International Education Standards (IESs).
- Strong global network and ability to build and strengthen relationships with key stakeholders.
- Strong public speaking and communications skills.
- Strong written and oral English language skills.

Financial and Visa Requirements

The Chair's nominating or employing organization is responsible for providing financial support for attending IPAE meetings, including insurance and medical coverage, unless a candidate qualifies for the IFAC Travel Support Program. IFAC will cover travel expenses for approved outreach activities necessary for fulfilling the IPAE Chair's role.

The IPAE Chair is responsible for making visa arrangements for international travel. IFAC will only provide visa letters.

Conclusion

The Nominating Committee seeks a visionary leader with extensive experience in Accounting Education and the wider profession to fill the IPAE Chair position. Current Panel members and other interested candidates can apply.



Call for Nominations for IPAE Membership

The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to fill member positions for an initial term of up to 3 years of service commencing January 1, 2026. The IPAE size allows some flexibility with the number of panel members.

Based on the current membership size, the Nominating Committee is required to fill at least 1 vacancy to comply with its Terms of Reference and may fill up to 6 additional vacancies, including any potential re-appointments of current members.

In addition to IFAC Member Organizations, for a limited number of seats, the Nominating Committee also invites nominations from other stakeholders, including the Forum of Firms, national governments, and other organizations. Nominations from other stakeholders would be carefully considered to ensure they would bring a valuable stakeholder perspective or unique background and skills that would be valuable to progress the IPAE's work.

Nominations of strong candidates from all regions of the world are welcome, particularly from Australasia-Oceania, Europe, and North America.

There is currently a majority female composition, and the Nominating Committee will aim to maintain gender diversity.

The Nominating Committee is seeking nominations from different stakeholders and diverse backgrounds, including PAO senior staff, practitioners, academia and other educators, accountant technicians, government officials, and regulators. Strong English language communication skills are required.

Candidates should have relevant expertise and experience to provide strategic advice, facilitate access to expertise and resources, and advocate for quality education of future-ready professional accountants.

Candidates should possess the following attributes:

- Strategic thinking with an understanding of the key challenges and opportunities in accountancy education, including the impact of current and emerging trends that may have an impact on the competencies needed for accountants throughout their careers.
- Leadership experience in accountancy education.
- Experience developing thought leadership and educational resources to help advance accountancy education globally.
- Strong knowledge of International Education Standards (IESs), as well as an understanding of the standard-setting process.

Overview of the Position and Volunteer Responsibilities

Members are expected to:

Attend and actively engage in IPAE meetings.

Engage with IPAE innovation teams on emerging topics in accountancy education.

Advise IPAE staff on the global implementation of IFAC strategy for advancing accountancy education.

Contribute to thought leadership, articles, and IES implementation support.

Advise on the identification and priority of standards development projects (i.e., the evaluation of revisions to current IES or the issuance of new IES).

Adhere to a due process in the standards development process.

Promote the adoption and implementation of IES and advance the international debate on emerging issues relevant to accountancy education.

Actively engage with stakeholders in their region on IPAE priorities.

Act with integrity and in the public interest from a global perspective.

TIME COMMITMENT

The total time commitment is approximately 100–150 hours per year, excluding travel.

The number and format (in-person, hybrid, or virtual) of meetings will coincide with the Panel fulfilling its responsibilities. The Panel meets approximately five times per year, including one to two hybrid meetings (i.e., in-person meetings with an option to participate virtually for those unable to travel).

Between meetings, members work closely with IPAE staff to advance IPAE initiatives. Members are encouraged to participate in working groups or innovation teams that facilitate the work between meetings on IPAE strategic priority areas.

Additional time is required for outreach, promotion of adoption and implementation, and advocating for quality education.