



Public Inquiry Into Foreign Interference in Federal Electoral Processes and Democratic Institutions

Application to Participate and for a Funding Recommendation

All Applicants seeking standing or standing and funding must use this form and may file supporting materials related to the topics set out below. All applications, along with any supporting materials, must be sent via email to standing-qualite@pifi-epie.gc.ca no later than 5 PM EST on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, or on any other date with leave of the Commissioner.

The Rules governing applications for standing and funding for the Public Inquiry into Foreign Interference in Federal Electoral Processes and Democratic Institutions can be accessed [here](#).

Please note, this form is available as a fillable .pdf on a desktop computer

1. The Applicant

a. Individual (if applicable)

i. Name:

ii. Email address:

iii. Mailing address:

iv. Telephone number:

b. Organization, government, agency, institution, association or other entity (if applicable)

i. Name:

ii. Contact (name and position)

iii. Email address:

iv. Mailing address:

v. Telephone number:

c. Legal representative (if applicable)

i. Representative's name:

ii. Firm:

iii. Email address:

iv. Mailing address:

v. Telephone number:

2. Standing to Participate

Participation in the Commission's mandate may relate to its fact-finding function, its policy-related function, or both.

Participation in the Commission's fact-finding function may include:

- Producing factual documents relevant to the Inquiry's mandate
- Creating or participating in the creation of factual summaries or reports to be introduced into evidence
- Identifying, tendering or representing witnesses who may testify on factual issues
- Examining or cross-examining witnesses
- Making submissions on factual issues and related evidentiary issues

Participation in the Commission's policy-related function may include:

- Creating or producing policy papers to the Inquiry relevant to its policy-related function
- Participating in policy roundtables or discussions
- Making submissions on policy-related issues

a. Does the Applicant seek standing in relation to: (check one box only)

The fact-finding function of the Commission

The policy-related function of the Commission

Both

b. Participation is based on the following criteria:

- i) A substantial and direct interest in the subject matter of the Inquiry;
- ii) The Applicant's participation would provide necessary contributions or otherwise further the conduct of the Inquiry; and
- iii) The Applicant's participation would contribute to the openness and fairness of the Inquiry.

In the space below, please explain how each of these criteria are met.

In particular, please specify the nature of the Applicant's "substantial and direct interest" in the subject matter of the Inquiry, with reference, where applicable, to paragraphs (a)(i) (A)-(E) of the Terms of Reference, and the Commission's Notice dated November 10, 2023.

Please also identify those factual, legal or policy issues falling within the Inquiry's mandate that the Applicant wishes to address as a Participant.

i) As a political party operating during the 43rd and 44th general elections we have an interest in understanding any potential foreign interference and contributing to the commission's work and learnings that could impact future elections.

ii) Our direct understanding of how candidates and campaigns operated during these elections can contribute to the overall assessment.

Our knowledge of the operations of both national and electoral district level operations are relevant to section (a)(i)(A). We know how these elections were organized at a national level and a local level with our network of staff and volunteers on campaigns across the country.

We are interested in the flow of information on potential Security and Intelligence Threats mentioned in (a)(i)(B). We would like to improve how political parties are involved in this flow and how could they support MPs, staff, candidates and volunteers to look for and share information.

We are interested in how the Government of Canada detects, deters and counters foreign interference. (a)(i)(C). How information has been shared, the supports for individuals that may be vulnerable to foreign interference and comparing the mechanisms that are available during the elections. Political parties interact with the public and various groups daily, there are way we work to ensure those are safe interactions.

iii) Inclusion of any recognized political party that operated during the 43rd and 44th general election will contribute to having many perspectives on election operations which will increase openness and fairness of the Inquiry.

c. Is the Applicant willing to share a single grant of standing with others with whom the Applicant shares a common interest? Check one box only.

Yes No

Please explain your answer in the box below and indicate whether the Applicant formed or have attempted to form a group or coalition with others of similar interests.

NO, as a political party we have not formed a group or coalition with other similar interests. Our specific interest is unique with regards to our direct role in election campaigns.

d. Please indicate if the Applicant is seeking standing on one or more of the following issues:

1. interference by China, Russia and other foreign states or non-state actors, in the 43rd and 44th general elections at the national and electoral district levels;
2. the flow of information within the federal government in relation to the above, and actions taken in response;
3. the capacity of the federal government to detect, deter and counter foreign interference directly or indirectly targeting Canada's democratic processes, in particular
 - (i) the creation, sharing, assessment and distribution of intelligence and the formulation of advice to senior decision-makers and elected officials;
 - (ii) the supports and protections in place for members of a diaspora vulnerable to foreign interference;
 - (iii) the mechanisms that were in place to protect the integrity of the 43rd and 44th general elections from foreign interference;

4. the challenges, limitations and potential adverse impacts associated with the disclosure of classified national security information and intelligence to the public;
5. recommendations for better protecting federal democratic processes from foreign interference;
6. other aspects of the Commission's Terms of Reference (please specify).

Please explain in the box below.

We are seeking standing on the following issues:

1. Our direct involvement in these elections gives us unique understanding and perspective of potential interference at national and local levels.
2. Understanding the role of political parties in the flow of information. How we have been involved in this process in the past and interested in potential changes for upcoming elections.
3. The role of political parties in working with the Federal Government to detect, deter, and counter foreign interference. What tools are available for political parties and their campaigns, how have we used them and how could that change?
5. The role of political parties in protecting democratic processes is important to us, understanding these past elections and looking forward to the next.

e. If granted standing, how would the Applicant like to contribute to the Inquiry's work, in light of the scope and nature of the Applicant's interest? Please check all that apply:

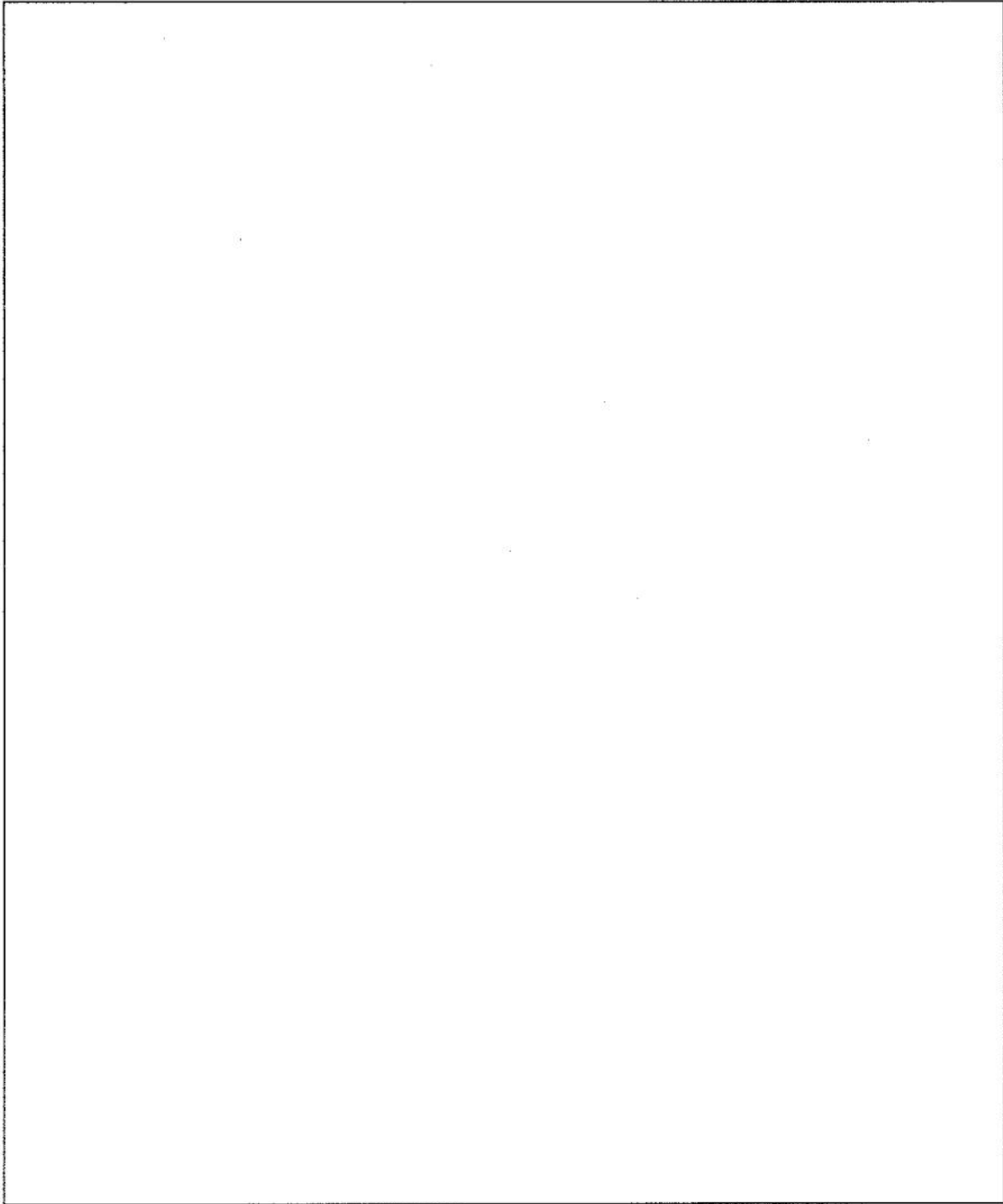
- By producing factual documents relevant to the Inquiry's mandate
- By creating or participating in the creation of factual summaries to be introduced into evidence
- By identifying, tendering or representing witnesses who may testify on factual issues
- By examining or cross-examining witnesses
- By making submissions on factual issues and related evidentiary issues
- By creating or producing policy papers to the Inquiry relevant to its policy-related function
- By participating in policy roundtables or discussions
- By making submissions on policy-related issues
- Other (Specify):

3. Funding

a. If given the right to participate, are you asking the Commissioner to recommend to the Clerk of the Privy Council that you be given funding? Check one box only.

- Yes No

b. If “yes”, why would you not be able to participate in the Inquiry without funding?



c. How much funding is the Applicant seeking and for what purpose?

d. Please check all that apply:

- The Applicant has an established record of concerns for and a demonstrated commitment to the interest the Applicant seeks to represent.

- The Applicant has special experience or expertise with respect to the Commission's mandate.

If applicable, explain how the statements above apply to the Applicant.

As a political party operating during the 43rd and 44th elections we are committed to understanding what happened related to Foreign Interference at the time and ensuring that our MPs, candidates, staff, and volunteers are prepared for the next election. Elections are our area of expertise and the focus of much of the work we do.

- e. Please list and provide any documentation or other evidence you would like the Commissioner to consider below and attach copies of all supporting materials to the application. Please note there is a 10-page limit for supporting documents relating to standing and a 5-page limit for supporting documents relating to funding.

I hereby certify and declare that the information set out by me in this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: November 22, 2023

Signature: 