The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative External Advisory Board (EAB) is comprised of nationally recognized thought leaders and experts from industry, academia, nonprofits and government agencies. The purpose of the EAB is to:

- Advance the mission of CU Boulder’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative.
- Advise the Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative on strategic initiatives related to the university’s mission to help develop, grow and enhance CU Boulder’s work in delivering the best innovation and entrepreneurial programing.
- Bring inspiration, ideas and connections that elevate and raise the profile of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative.

To accomplish this mission, the EAB will do the following:

- Bring perspectives, experience and expertise from industry, companies, national laboratories, community-based organizations and other sectors represented on the EAB into discussions.
- Challenge traditional thinking and ideate on focused topics brought to the EAB.
- Provide leadership in funding the sustainability of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative.

Innovation and Entrepreneurship EAB Membership

Membership Term and Renewal: All members serve staggered two-year terms, and membership may be renewed for an additional two-year term. The number of board members shall be at least ten (10), up to twenty (25) members. Ideally terms begin July 1st and end June 30th of the second year unless the term is extended. Board members serve as volunteers, without any expectation of compensation from the University.

New Members: Existing board members, University leadership and RIO staff may recommend new EAB board members to the Director of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The Director is responsible for approving and extending invitations to new board members.

Nondiscrimination Policy: Members of this Board shall be selected entirely on a nondiscriminatory basis with respect to race, color, national origin, pregnancy, sex, age,
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disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and its expression, veteran status, and political affiliation/philosophy.

Ending Membership: Board members can resign from the EAB by informing the Director about their resignation, preferably in writing. At the Director’s discretion regarding the needs of the board or the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative, the Director may end board member terms.

Meetings

Regular Meetings: The EAB will meet three times per year, fall, winter, and spring. The date, time and place will be designated by the Director. The meetings will be in-person in Boulder, Colorado.

Notice of Meetings & Agenda: Notice of the date, time and place of meetings will be provided to the EAB via email not less than 60 days prior to the date of the meeting. The Director will establish the agenda for each EAB meeting.

No Voting Rights: Board meetings are to serve as a forum for members to express their views on matters related to the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative. The membership does not have any vote or decision-making authority, or any similar right, as to any matter raised or discussed, and does not have authority to speak for or make decisions on behalf of the University.

Minutes: A summary of the meeting agenda, discussion and any materials presented during an EAB meeting will be distributed to the board within 30 days of the meeting date by the Director or their designee.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The Research & Innovation Office (RIO) endeavors to embody CU Boulder’s commitment to exemplify excellence through diversity by creating a welcoming and inclusive environment, maximizing the success and inclusion of all students, staff, and faculty, and deepening our ability to share and engage with diverse perspectives. This commitment includes the work of the EAB, and we value the board’s engagement in ensuring that diversity, equity and inclusion are enfolded into all aspects of the research and innovation enterprise.

EAB members serve in a volunteer capacity for the University through this board, and as such, are subject to university policies concerning conduct on campus, including
the Discrimination and Harassment Policy and Sexual Misconduct, Intimate Partner Violence and Stalking Policy.