

STUDENT ENERGY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board Director (Risk & Compliance Committee) Position Description

Student Energy is seeking an individual with a strong charitable risk and compliance background to join our Board of Directors and contribute to the effective governance of the organization. Experience with the non-profit sector – and knowledge and expertise in global climate and energy issues – is preferred. Directors provide strategic guidance to the Executive Director and staff, protect the organization, and help establish new partnerships and funding sources. They serve as brand ambassadors and help scale Student Energy’s reach, network and impact.

About Student Energy

[Student Energy](#) is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to uniting and empowering students worldwide to tackle energy and sustainability challenges. Our mission is to cultivate the next generation of energy leaders who are well-versed in sustainable practices, equipped with innovative ideas, and committed to creating a sustainable future for all. Through various educational programs, conferences, and partnerships, we connect students with industry professionals and provide them with the tools and knowledge to drive positive change in the energy sector. Check out our [Theory of Change](#) to learn more.

About Student Energy’s Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is made up of a group of international Directors who serve as Student Energy’s legal governance body and are responsible for the adoption of bylaws and policies, oversight of Student Energy’s Executive Director, providing strategic guidance to support the organization’s current and future goals, the stewardship of long-term financial health of the organization, and the fulfillment of the organization’s mission and theory of change.

The Board meets 4 to 5 times per year via video conference, and Directors serve on individual committees to advance the work of the Board, which meet approximately monthly. The estimated time commitment is 5 to 10 hours/month. Terms of appointed Directors are two (2) years in length, with the possibility of extension depending on the needs of the Board. The Board also meets face-to-face once a year, with basic expenses covered by the organization.

Position Overview

The Risk and Compliance Committee is responsible for ensuring the organization’s stability and adherence to relevant regulations while also overseeing the efficacy of internal risk management processes. Student Energy is seeking a new committee Chair who can lead in providing essential guidance to Student Energy’s Board of Directors on all risk-related matters and develop strategies to mitigate risks and uphold compliance.

Key Responsibilities

- Compliance oversight, which involves monitoring and ensuring the organization's adherence to applicable laws, regulations, and policies
- Developing the organization's risk tolerance
- Assessment of the organization's compliance risks and implementing processes to mitigate those risks
- Reviewing the organization's code of conduct and ethics policies and ensuring that they are being followed
- Reviewing contribution agreements and operationalizing standard legal contracts and templates
- Supporting legal development around the organization's charitable objectives
- Overseeing data privacy standards and mechanisms
- Liaising with outside legal counsel and support, where necessary

Qualifications

- Experience in risk assessment, risk mitigation, and risk management strategies
- Familiarity with relevant laws, regulations, and compliance standards applicable to the organization
- Sector-specific knowledge to assess risks and compliance requirements unique to Canadian charitable non-profit organizations
- Commitment to upholding ethical standards and integrity in all organizational activities
- Effective communication skills and can convey risk and compliance matters clearly to the board and senior management
- Demonstrated commitment to energy, sustainability, and youth empowerment
- Board or committee experience is an asset but not mandatory

Benefits

- Opportunity to contribute to the growth and impact of a prominent youth-focused non-profit organization
- Engage with a diverse group of passionate individuals dedicated to advancing sustainable energy practices
- Gain valuable experience in non-profit governance, financial oversight, and strategic decision-making
- Network with professionals from the energy, sustainability, and finance sectors
- Flexibility to participate remotely, contributing to the mission regardless of location

Application Process

We encourage all qualified applicants who are passionate about energy and sustainability to apply. Please submit your application [here](#).

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Please note that Student Energy is dedicated to maintaining a diverse Board composition, and we encourage individuals from underrepresented backgrounds to apply. We recognize that for members of groups that are underrepresented in positions of power and leadership (Black, Indigenous, racialized, persons with disabilities, LGBTQI2S+), there can be significant structural barriers that shape experiences and access to opportunities. We consider these structural barriers during the screening process.

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