

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Purpose:

The primary objective of the FAST International Advisory Council is to promote the Academy's mission and enhance the Academy's public image through communication, advocacy, and support. Members represent their country, academic/professional discipline and/or external stakeholders. The IAC offers counsel to FAST in its direction, focus and future. Members serve in a voluntary, advisory capacity.

Selection Process:

Alumni can self-nominate or members can recommend individuals to serve on the Advisory Council. The Board of Directors will review candidates and appoint members. The Council's membership should reflect the diversity of FAST members and stakeholders and the regions where it operates.

Terms of Office:

The Council is composed of national representatives, up to five from each country. Their terms of service shall be for two years from the date of appointment, and an individual member will serve for no more than three consecutive terms.

Meetings:

The Advisory Council will meet at the FAST Annual Conference and may also elect to meet at other strategic locations, such as in Washington, DC, or at major international conferences. Attendance at the annual meeting is not mandatory; however, National Representatives are expected to work with other Fulbrighters and help FAST organize at least program per year in their home country.

Compensation/Contributions:

Service on the Advisory Council is voluntary; members receive no compensation for their service. The Academy will not cover the costs of travel or accommodation for those requiring overnight stays. FAST may reimburse members who have unusual FAST-related travel expenses. Council members must be "members" of FAST, paying dues at the appropriate level. Many also make an additional financial contribution (Board of Director contributions have ranged from \$250 to \$1,000+/year.)

Summary – the Mission of the Advisory Council:

- Serve as the Academy's ambassadors to friends of the Academy, corporate and foundation executives, government leaders and members of the media – with a particular focus on helping the Academy build strategic partnerships.
- Support FAST and its programs through indirect contributions, such as hosting a Forum or providing assistance in soliciting memberships, grants, foundation support or funds from other sources.
- Provide information and expert advice regarding new and emerging trends that may impact FAST.
- Share new perspectives and the benefits of their experience in various careers, disciplines and fields.
- Assist the board and staff in our ongoing efforts to assess the effectiveness of the Academy, offering advice and counsel on broad matters of policy and planning.
- Support our efforts to ensure that adequate financial resources are available to achieve the organization's goals; Council members must be individual members of FAST or employed by institutional members. Some members may give additional financial contributions.

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