



Call for Self-Nominations: IMPAACT Network Vice Chair (One Position)

Background: In the third or fourth quarter (Q3 or Q4) of 2026, NIAID and its collaborating institutes are expected to issue a Request for Applications (RFA) to include much of the IMPAACT Network's current scientific portfolio. As of now, the funding cycle associated with this RFA is expected to begin on 1 December 2027 and continue for seven years thereafter. The current US Domestic Vice Chair is planning to step down as of 30 November 2026. The current International Vice Chair's term of service is expected to continue through the end of the current grant period (30 November 2027).

The IMPAACT Network is soliciting self-nominations for one Vice Chair position for the next funding cycle. The Network is moving toward a leadership structure comprised of two Co-Chairs and a single Vice Chair. To ensure a smooth transition, the Vice Chair-elect will join the IMPAACT Scientific Leadership Group (SLG) and Management Oversight Group (MOG) as a non-voting member in Q4 2026 and will work closely with the current Network Co-Chairs to lead preparation of the response to the RFA. The Vice Chair-elect will serve in this transitional capacity until the start of the next grant cycle (anticipated 1 December 2027), at which time they will assume full Vice Chair responsibilities.

The Vice Chair will be an investigator with experience reflective of the Network's scientific agenda and operational scope. The Vice Chair will work closely with the Network Co-Chairs to ensure that the Network's research agenda remains robust and consistent with its mission. The Vice Chair will assist the Co-Chairs in carrying out their responsibilities, including scientific, operational, and fiscal planning and oversight of the Network, and may assume some duties in their absence, including but not limited to presiding at SLG and MOG meetings. The Vice Chair may also chair other Network committees and groups as needed (e.g., Multidisciplinary Protocol Review Group, Study Monitoring Committee, Network Evaluation Group) and lead special initiatives (e.g., periodic reviews of the scientific agenda, Early Career Investigator program). Together with the Co-Chairs, the Vice Chair will represent the Network at conferences and meetings with collaborators, sponsors, and community groups. The Vice Chair will be responsible for representing the scientific interests of both US domestic and international investigators and clinical research sites.

Selection Process: Interested and qualified investigators are asked to submit a cover letter summarizing their interest in and vision for the Network and a [NIH Biographical Sketch](#) with a maximum of 25 selected publications to IMPAACTops@fhi360.org by **8 September 2026 at 5:00 PM ET**. The cover letter should also detail the applicant's experience in preparing grant applications and managing large, complex grants. Investigators need not be associated with a clinical research site to be eligible; however, site leadership experience would be considered a strength. No letters of support or other documentation should be submitted.

The IMPAACT SLG will review the applicants' submissions and may schedule interviews. The SLG voting members, exclusive of NIH representatives, will elect the new Vice Chair. Any current SLG member who self-nominates will be recused from the review and election process.

Requirements:

Education:

MD or PhD

Experience:

- Over 15 years of HIV-related research, with significant focus on pediatric populations, adolescents and/or pregnant/postpartum women and on clinical trial design, implementation, and oversight
- Successful track record in preparing grant applications and securing NIH grant funding or major grant funding from other entities
- Track record of engaging in and maintaining successful collaboration agreements, sponsor relationships, and partnerships with the community and other research entities (e.g., pharmaceutical companies)
- Leadership of large, complex, multifaceted, multi-organizational projects
- International research experience
- Implementation science experience would be considered a strength

Timeline and Additional Considerations:

- In Q4 2026, the Vice Chair-elect will join the IMPAACT SLG and MOG as a non-voting member and begin participating in Network leadership activities to ensure a smooth transition; a modest amount of salary support (~10% level of effort (LoE)) will be provided through the end of the current grant cycle (30 November 2027).
- The Vice Chair's full term of service is expected to begin in the new grant cycle (anticipated 1 December 2027) and continue through the following seven years. **A minimum LoE of 25% (between 25% and 50%) will be required of the Vice Chair in the new grant cycle.**
- A comprehensive leadership-sharing plan will be developed with significant input from the Network Co-Chairs, Vice-Chair-elect and other members of the SLG.
- With NIH and SLG approval, the Vice Chair may transition to a Co-Chair position during the next grant cycle upon the vacancy of one of the Co-Chair positions.

Questions regarding this solicitation may be submitted to the IMPAACT Operations Center at IMPAACTops@fhi360.org.