

CIPR Professional Standards Panel and Appeals Panel

The Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) welcomes applications from CIPR members to serve on the Professional Standards Panel and Appeals Panel in the Institute's disciplinary process.

About the CIPR

Founded in 1948, the Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) is the world's only Royal Chartered professional body for public relations practitioners with over 11,000 members.

The CIPR advances professionalism in public relations by making its members accountable to their employers and the public through a code of conduct and searchable public register, setting standards through training, qualifications, awards and the production of best practice and skills guidance, facilitating Continuing Professional Development (CPD), and awarding Chartered Public Relations Practitioner status (Chart.PR).

About Professional Standards and Complaints

Complaints against CIPR members are managed by a Professional Practice and Ethics Consultant and heard by an independent Professional Standards Panel (PSP), and appeals against its decisions are heard by an independent Appeals Panel.

The Panels consider and adjudicate complaints against members of the CIPR made under the code of conduct. The adjudication is carried out in hearings, which take place after reasonable attempts to resolve a valid complaint informally and through conciliation have been exhausted.

Professional Standards hearings include a mix of lay members and CIPR members, appointed for their experience in disciplinary matters and for bringing insight from within and outside of the communications profession. Hearings may be virtual or face-to-face, in the instance of face-to-face meetings, travel time will also be necessary. This is a volunteer appointment for CIPR members, however lay members will receive a set day rate, the Institute will meet out-of-pocket expenses, including travel.

We're committed to building a diverse professional standards pool from which to build a panel, with a range of lived experiences, and representing the community we serve.

Panel members must have appropriate experience and be in good standing, be able to work in a strictly confidential environment, and process cases involving considerable information and detail. Hearings may last for up to two days (although more commonly are completed in a single day) and require considerable preparation (on average half a day).

Diverse perspectives and experiences matter to us at the CIPR and we welcome expressions of interest from individuals of all backgrounds.

Appointments are for a three-year term (maximum 2 terms).

For more information, view the [Regulations Governing the Complaints Procedure](#).

Professional Standards Panel members and Appeals Panel members should demonstrate the following skills and experience:

- If a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Relations, MCIPR or FCIPR, be in good standing, (i.e. without rulings against them under the CIPR Code of Conduct, any similar regulatory code or any relevant laws of the land).
- Members and lay members must be capable of working in a strictly confidential environment.
- Be able to devote time to hearings. Hearings may last for up to two days (although more commonly they are completed in a single day) and require considerable preparation.
- Be able to process cases involving considerable information and detail.
- Have regulatory experience in other professional contexts or other experience relevant to the role (such as serving or having served as a magistrate, a member of a disciplinary committee on a school governing body or in a sporting context).
- Must not be serving on the CIPR Council or Executive Board from the time the appointment takes effect.

* Both MCIPR and FCIPR members may serve on the Professional Standards Panel. The Appeals Panel is only open to members at FCIPR or Hon FCIPR grade. Fellows may not serve on both at the same time.

Application Process:

Please tell us how you comply with the specification, why you wish to serve on the Professional Standards Panel OR the Appeals Panel and what you would bring to this task.

Members, please apply via [our online application form](#) (you must login to access the form).

Lay members should apply via [our online application form](#) (you must create a login to access the form).

Professional Standards Panel and Appeals Panel members will be appointed by the CIPR Board of Directors.

For an initial conversation about the role and to answer any questions you might have, please contact CIPR Professional Practice and Ethics Consultant, Chris Lines at ChrisL@cipr.co.uk.

Closing date: 11:00 am BST, 22 June 2026