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 **TRIPLEHELIX**

UNIVERSITY INDUSTRY GOVERNMENT association

# **Call for Candidates 2026: Presidency and Board**

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### **About the Triple Helix Association**

The Triple Helix concept was initiated in the 1990s by Prof. Henry Etzkowitz and Prof. Loet Leydesdorff, who analyzed the shift from a predominant industry-government dyad in an industrial society to a triadic university-industry-government relationship, known as the Triple Helix, in the knowledge society. This model presents an opportunity to achieve innovation outcomes for socio-economic development through collaboration among multiple stakeholders from academia, industry, and government.

The Triple Helix movement began in 1996 with the first International Conference in Amsterdam. Biennial conferences have been held since then, addressing research topics such as the relationship between science, industry, and government and their role in creating conditions for future innovation; cognitive, economic, social, and cultural aspects of innovation; emerging models for the entrepreneurial university; and related themes.

This process led to the establishment of the Triple Helix Association in Turin, promoted by Riccardo Viale and Fondazione Rosselli. The Triple Helix Association is a not-for-profit, non-governmental association with a scientific purpose and global reach. Its main purpose is to advance scientific knowledge and practical achievements related to all aspects of the interaction between academia, industry, and government, fostering research, innovation, entrepreneurship, economic competitiveness, and growth.

Triple Helix Association activities include the development and discussion of high-level scientific studies through conferences, summits, and awards; networking among education and research institutions and stakeholders; dissemination of scientific findings through publications, academic journals, and cooperation projects; and support for translating academic models into practical achievements by strengthening the capacities of students, researchers, and practitioners.

The 2026 election will elect one President, one Vice President, and six Board Members. The term of office for all elected positions is two years.

## Candidates profile

At the time of application, all candidates must hold an active Triple Helix Association membership, meaning a paid membership that is valid within the annual membership term. Applications from candidates without an active membership at the time of submission will not be considered eligible.

For the President, Vice President, and Board Member positions, we are looking for **high level professionals** either academic or practitioner or civil servant with:

- 1) **International standing** (selection criteria: current/previous leading roles in international and national research oriented organizations and/or HEIs with international reputation and/or professional networks)
- 2) **Institutional roles** (selection criteria: leading roles in multilateral, national and regional government and agencies)
- 3) **Managerial skills and business acumen** (selection criteria: previous decision making roles in International associations or multi-stakeholders non for profit organizations and results achieved)
- 4) **Track record in Triple Helix research and/or practice** (selection criteria: number and quality of publications related to Triple Helix /and/or Triple Helix projects executed at international level)

## What Is Expected of the Candidate?

Candidates are expected to:

- have a commitment to the purpose, mission, and values of the Association;
- have a clear vision for the Association that can move it forward;
- have a strong interest in working on the advancement of the Association;
- act morally and ethically in accordance with the Association's values;
- avoid conflicts of interest;
- understand the need to base decisions on what is good for the Association;

- accept accountability for group decisions so that the Executive Committee speaks with “one voice”;
- be diplomatic yet honest and open in discussions with the executive director and the board of directors;
- prepare in advance for and attend meetings and conference calls and actively participate in all of them;
- maintain confidentiality;
- have institutional support for your service during your two years.

### **President Responsibilities**

The president-elect serves on/chair the Executive Committee. The president-elect carries out his or her duties in collaboration with the Executive Committee and the Executive Director.

These duties include three core responsibilities:

- **Set direction for the Association:** in cooperation with the Executive Committee and the Executive Director, perform strategic thinking and planning, help set mission and vision, honor organizational values, promote positive public image, approve operational and annual plans.
- **Ensure resources for the Association:** in cooperation with the Executive Committee and the Executive Director, drive to the definition of the Triple Helix Association sustainability model, strategic and operation plans by putting forward proposals and identifying new opportunities to be pursued; actively support the development of Triple Helix Association membership base; actively seek for subsidies and sponsorship for Triple Helix Association activities.
- **Provide oversight of the Association:** oversee financial management, minimize exposure to risk, measure progress on strategic plan, monitor programs and services, provide ethical oversight, evaluate the CEO.

## How to Apply

Candidates are required to submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) by **June 30, 2026**, via email to the Secretary General, Riccardo Viale, at [viale.riccardo2@gmail.com](mailto:viale.riccardo2@gmail.com), with a copy to [info@triplehelixassociation.org](mailto:info@triplehelixassociation.org).

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The EOI should include the following:

### 1. Statement of Purpose

Please submit a brief statement explaining your reasons for running, including how your areas of expertise would complement the work of the Executive Committee. The statement should be limited to 250 words.

### 2. Institutional Support

Please indicate whether you have institutional support from your organization, including time allocated to perform your responsibilities.

### 3. CV, Short bio and Compliance with the selection criteria

Please submit your CV and short bio, indicating:

- current or previous roles in multilateral, national or regional government and agencies;
- current/previous leading roles in international or national research oriented organizations and/or HEIs with international reputation and/or professional networks;
- previous decision making roles in International associations or multi-stakeholders non for profit organizations and results achieved;
- list of publications related to Triple Helix;
- description of Triple Helix projects executed at international level, including scope of the project, geographical area, actors involved, your role, duration of the project, results achieved.

## **Selection procedure**

1. The Executive Committee members will review the EOIs according to the selection criteria indicated above and will prepare a short list of candidates. Shortlisted candidates may be invited for a web meeting with the Executive Committee members and Secretary General where more information about the Triple Helix Association will be disclosed.
2. Eligible candidates will be presented to all active members of the Association through the Association's official communication channels, including information on the online voting process.
3. The Association will then call an election, which will be conducted through an online voting platform.
4. After the votes have been reviewed and the election results have been confirmed at the General Assembly, the results will be announced through the Association's official communication channels.

## **Key Dates and Deadlines**

- **By 30 June 2026:** Submission of candidacies.
- **15 July 2026:** Communication to eligible candidates.
- **16 July 2026:** Communication to all Triple Helix Association members regarding the eligible candidates, including the link to vote.
- **20–26 July 2026:** Online voting process.
- **29 July 2026:** Validation of the election results during the General Assembly.
- **31 July 2026:** Announcement of the election results through Triple Helix Association official communication channels.