



Candidate Selection Criteria and Guidelines for Nominations Process 2026-2027 Term

The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) is seeking nominations for various positions within WGO.

The Nominations Committee will collect nominations from all WGO Member Societies including the Regional Associations. In addition, consideration will be given to the recommendations from the current committee chairs on the Governing Council.

Open Positions

Committees

The following committees are accepting members. These are two-year commitments:

1. Climate Change Committee
2. Education Committee
3. Endoscopy Committee
4. Finance Committee
5. Hepatology Committee
6. IBD Committee
7. Nominations Committee
8. Media and Community Engagement Committee
9. Train the Trainers Committee (applicants *must* have attended a TTT in order to be considered for this committee)
10. Young Members Committee (applicants *must* be under the age of 45)

Process

The Nominations Committee will review and discuss all nominated candidates and make their selection. Results will afterward be presented to the WGO Governing Council for approval followed by confirmation of interest from the nominated candidates. The Nominations Committee will then present the final slate of nominations to the General Assembly for final ratification in mid-2025. Members will then begin their terms in January 2026.

It is anticipated that we will receive many more applications than there are positions to be filled. While an individual's experience and expertise are of primary importance, the selection of the final list of nominations also takes into account geography, gender, specialty, and, where applicable, previous membership in WGO committees, task forces, projects and initiatives, in order to achieve diverse and balanced representation in each committee.

Required Documentation

To nominate your candidate(s), please complete the online nominations form via Jot Form using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/WorldGastroOrg/Nominations2026-2027>. One form should be submitted for each candidate you wish to nominate.

1. Please submit a brief bio (maximum 800 words) of the candidate in English.
2. Brief explanation (maximum 300 words) as to why you feel this candidate would be suitable for the position you have selected.
3. Please submit any additional information that you would like for the WGO Nominations Committee to consider.

General Requirements of Candidates for Committee Roles

While much of the work of committees are conducted via email and videoconference calls in order to provide the opportunity for all members to participate and to manage costs effectively, we do request that candidates possess or demonstrate the following:

- Attend and actively participate in meetings and teleconferences
- Assist the committee in developing and executing a plan to achieve the goals of the committee
- Contribute the necessary time to projects and programs of the committees.
- Exhibit leadership ability and an understanding of the scope of work of WGO and the opportunities presented by the organization. This includes having an understanding of WGO's mission, values, and objectives.
- Exhibit collegiality: work well with others and show respect for the ideas and views of fellow members, representatives and staff. Engage others in the work of the organization.
- Participate in the quarterly videoconference calls of the committees. (please note that WGO cannot undertake to cover costs of travel or accommodation, and no grants are provided to committee members).
- Attend the annual in-person meeting (if able) which may be either a WGO co-sponsored meeting or World Congress.

Balanced Representation and Distribution

WGO pays special attention to an equal distribution of its committees and interest groups. While an individual's experience and expertise are of primary importance, the selection of the final list of nominations also takes into account broad geographic and gender representation as well as other demographic factors within WGO's governance structure. Where applicable, previous membership in WGO committees, interest groups, task forces, projects and initiatives will also be considered, in order to achieve diverse and balanced representation in each committee.

View [WGO's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement](#).

Timeline and Submission Information

The deadline for submissions to the Nominations Committee is 07 March 2025. Nominations can only be submitted online, via Jot Form using this link: <https://form.jotform.com/WorldGastroOrg/Nominations2026-2027>.

2026-2027 WGO Nominations Calendar (at a glance)

- Nominations Open: 27 January- 07 March
- Applications Deadline: 7 March 2025
- Committee and Board Review: March/April 2025
- Candidate Notifications: May 2025
- Notification to General Assembly: June/July 2025
- Ratification by General Assembly: September 2025
- New terms begin in January 1, 2026

Should you have any questions, please email WGO at info@worldgastroenterology.org.