



### Volunteer Information

**PURPOSE:** Enrich the knowledge of international service providers and professionals in matters concerning relationships in couples and families in all their diversity.

The International Commission on Couple and Family Relations (ICCFR) fulfils its purpose by facilitating wide-ranging discussion and learning on fundamental issues concerning family and couple relations and by organizing and engaging in activities promoting their well-being.

ICCFR brings together an interdisciplinary, multicultural, non-denominational international network of organizations, individual professionals and other interested parties who are committed to continuous cooperation and dialogue in support of its purpose. Within the network are people from different countries and a variety of professional backgrounds, such as social science, family/couple counselling, law/legal matters, policymakers, research, academia, education, faith and family policies.

**Volunteer Council Solicitation:** ICCFR is looking to expand its Council. Council participants are volunteers who take an active role in fulfilling the PURPOSE through interactive programs crafted to have international appeal. The primary activity is an annual, in-person multi-national, interdisciplinary conference. Webinars may supplement the conferences.

**Trustees:** The ICCFR Board of Trustees provides funding, fiscal oversight and ensures compliance with the ICCFR Constitution and UK Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) requirements.

**Council:** The Council and Auxiliary participants are the action arms of the organization providing planning, promoting and delivering activities consistent with the PURPOSE. The current Council Committees are: The Standing Committee on Program (SCP) and Standing Committee on Resource Development (SCRD). It is the Council and Auxiliary for which volunteers are being solicited.

### VOLUNTEER BENEFITS:

1. An opportunity to collaborate with an international team of academic, legal and social policy professionals to advance thought leadership of couple and family relations issues through planning and promoting international conferences and webinars.
2. Volunteers experience the opportunity to expand their perspectives and knowledge of methodologies to alleviate challenges confronting families and couple relationships through networking and sharing experiences with a pool of international professionals.
3. 25% discount on ICCFR programs which require a fee (ex: Conference)



## OVERVIEW

- Volunteers will demonstrate a commitment to the ICCFR PURPOSE through their professional and/or personal circumstances.
- Volunteers will represent the global diversity in which we live.
- Volunteers will demonstrate a willingness to actively participate in the activities described in the following table.

## Requirements

<b>Council:</b> volunteer to be actively employed in a leadership position in a related field; or, recent retiree from a leadership position in a related field.	<b>Auxiliary:</b> volunteer working delivering services in a field related to ICCFR
<b>Council Term of Office:</b> 3 years	<b>Auxiliary term of office:</b> project specific

## Commitment

<p><b>Council:</b> attendance at a majority of Council video conference meetings during each calendar year, scheduled at a reasonable time in the volunteer's time zone. Legitimate regrets are accepted: two or more unexcused absences may result in termination from the Council.</p> <p>Approximately 8 hours annually.</p>	<p><b>Auxiliary:</b> attendance at meetings scheduled specific to the project for which the volunteer has committed. Projects are time limited and the volunteer commitment concludes when the project is completed. (Ex: Conference; fundraising project)</p>
<p><b>Council Committee:</b> Active membership on an ICCFR Committee, to include attendance at a majority of Committee video conference meetings annually. Legitimate regrets are accepted.</p> <p>Maximum 8 hours annually.</p>	
<p>Council, Financial: There is no participation fee. Volunteers are expected to self-pay for attendance at Conferences. This can include underwriting by the volunteer's organizations.</p>	<p>Auxiliary: There is no participation fee. Volunteers are expected to self-pay for attendance at Conferences. This can include underwriting by the volunteer's organizations.</p>



<p><b>Council, Conferences:</b></p> <p>1. Depending on the volunteer's circumstances (ex: financial, health, visa), in-person attendance at ICCFR Conferences is expected.</p> <p>2. Promote conferences enthusiastically through colleague outreach, networking, email blasts, social media etc.</p>	<p><b>Auxiliary:</b></p> <p>1. volunteers are expected to attend those projects in which they participate.</p> <p>2. Actively promote projects.</p>
<p><b>Council, Webinars:</b> Participate remotely and enthusiastically help ICCFR advertise the Webinar opportunity</p>	

How to Apply: Please go to [www.iccfr.org/please-join-us/](http://www.iccfr.org/please-join-us/) to submit your application to the ICCFR Administrator. Your application will be considered at the next ICCFR Council Meeting. A majority vote of the Council is required to approve membership.

Auxiliary volunteers are automatically approved for the project specific role.