

Terms of Reference for the External Review of the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies, January 2020

On 12 December 2018, the UBC Senate directed the Vice-President Academic and Provost to arrange for an external review of the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies. The Senate specified that Terms of Reference for this review include an explicit mandate to investigate and make recommendations on the Institute's structure and governance (both academic and financial). Members of the external review panel will be asked to provide their advice and perspectives on the Institute as it renews its academic commitment and updates its approach to academic programming and governance. The consultation with the external review panel will be structured as follows:

Academic Mandate

- Clarify the uniqueness of the Institute's academic mission
- Define the nature of the interdisciplinarity that the Institute seeks to support
- Bridge paradigmatically diverse approaches to knowledge
- Enrich academic scholarship at local and global levels

Governance

- Develop a modernized administrative system in line with established best practices
- Update the Institute's governance structure to meet its unique needs
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of members of the Institute's governing bodies
- Amend the Institute's practices around disclosure and accountability

Strategies

- Types of academic activities (e.g. Scholars in Residence, International Roundtables, etc.)
- Communications and outreach
- Financial resources
- Impact assessment