



UARctic Academic Advisory Board – Terms of Reference

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Academic¹ Advisory Board – MIMIR²

UARctic has an Academic Advisory Board (MIMIR) providing academic and research strategic leadership advise and consultation for UARctic and consists of 6 to 12 UARctic Chairs. Individual members of MIMIR will be the leads for selected actions and partnerships in UARctic and have an academic background. Collectively the group will be the major adviser on UARctic priorities in developing knowledge in collaboration in the North.

Roles and Duties

The Academic Advisory Board (MIMIR) roles and duties are:

- Advise UARctic on how to work with other Arctic stakeholders, e.g. Arctic Council and its working groups, IASSA, IASC and other partners, UN, etc.
- Evaluate UARctic Chair candidates and recommend on chair titles, roles, and function area for candidates considered qualified.
- Suggest members for UARctic evaluator committees for funding calls and similar processes.
- Promote visibility of UARctic high level research and other actions in different Arctic and global forums.
- Deliver reports to the UARctic President semiannually and to the Assembly of UARctic annually.
- Expected to use about 10% of their time in the work of MIMIR (about half of the time devoted to the role as UARctic Chair).
- Represent UARctic in relevant national and international fora and support UARctic networks as needed.

Resources & Meetings

- MIMIR receives secretarial services from the UARctic Vice-President of Research support team, organised by the UARctic Vice-President of Research.
- Members of MIMIR use their UARctic Chair time and operational funding to be able to implement the work.
- MIMIR meets minimum quarterly but if needed, due to various engagements, more frequently.
- MIMIR meets normally in person annually, preferably in connection with the UARctic Assembly or similar events.
- The UARctic Vice-President serves as Secretary of MIMIR and prepares the agenda, in collaboration with the UARctic President, the MIMIR Chair and co-Chair and other relevant UARctic Vice-Presidents, if applicable.
- The UARctic Vice-President of Research takes part in the meetings of MIMIR, as well as normally the UARctic President.
- The UARctic Vice-President of Research support team call for the meetings, help in preparation and keep minutes that are distributed to the MIMIR and relevant leadership individuals.

¹ The term “Academic” should be understood in the broadest sense possible. It refers to all possible aspects of Arctic Knowledge, including knowledge generation, accumulation, sharing and application, including as understood in Indigenous knowledge systems.

² MIMIR was a primal deity in Norse mythology who was renowned for his knowledge and wisdom. He was the owner of MIMIR's Well (the well of wisdom).

Selection Process

- The UArctic President, in collaboration with UArctic Vice-President of Research, select the MIMIR candidates.
- The UArctic President nominates candidates for MIMIR to the Board of UArctic.
- The members of MIMIR, selected from the nominated UArctic Chairs, are appointed by the UArctic Board.
- Members to MIMIR are appointed for three years with the possibility of renewal or until the end of their term as Chair.
- The Chair and co-Chair of MIMIR are selected by the MIMIR group, normally for a three-year period, or until the end of their term as Chairs.