

Research Careers Committee: Supplementary Terms of Reference

This document sets out the key responsibilities that the Scientific Executive Board (SEB) has delegated to the Research Careers Committee (RCC). It should be read in conjunction with the [General Terms of Reference for Funding Committees](#).

1. Intent of Committee

- 1.1. The Research Careers Committee is responsible for the strategic development, funding and review, oversight and evaluation of Cancer Research UK's research careers portfolio. This portfolio includes all awards that aim to develop the careers of scientists and clinical scientists in accordance with Cancer Research UK's research strategy.

2. List of award types

- 2.1. The Research Careers Committee will consider applications for funding through the following award types:
 - Predoctoral Research Bursaries for Clinicians and Professions Allied to Medicine
 - Postdoctoral Research Bursaries for Clinical Trainees
 - Clinician Scientist Fellowships
 - Advanced Clinician Scientist Fellowships
 - Career Development Fellowships
 - Career Establishment Awards
 - Senior Cancer Research Fellowships
 - Clinical Trial Fellowships
- 2.2. Where an applicant for a Career Establishment Award or Career Development Fellowship is unsuccessful, but the Committee considers they have the potential to be successful in a future funding round, the Committee may award project funding to the applicant. The project funding must be awarded within the parameters agreed with the office and for the purposes of further developing the fellowship proposal.
- 2.3. The Research Careers Committee is also responsible for the review of the following strategic initiatives:
 - Clinical Academic Training Programmes
 - Non-clinical Training Accounts
 - Other strategic initiatives related to research careers

3. Additional terms

- 3.1. The Research Careers Committee will be supported by Expert Review Panels, comprising standing and *ad hoc* members as appropriate. These will be chaired by

a member of the Research Careers Committee and attended by Committee members where possible.

- 3.2. The Research Careers Committee will oversee and review Cancer Research UK's portfolio and activities in clinical and non-clinical career development, with the intention of improving the effectiveness of the schemes in supporting the cancer research leaders of the future.
- 3.3. The Research Careers Committee will provide guidance and advice to the office to ensure Cancer Research UK offers an effective system of training, development and capacity-building to the cancer research workforce.
- 3.4. The Research Careers Committee will work with other funding committees to ensure training, workforce and infrastructure requirements for research careers development are suitably prioritised and supported across Cancer Research UK.

4. Membership

- 4.1. The Research Careers Committee will comply with the membership requirements set out in the General Terms of Reference for Funding Committees.
- 4.2. The Chair of the Research Careers Committee will be invited to join the Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

5. Meetings

- 5.1. The Research Careers Committee will meet four times a year, twice to shortlist applicants and twice for funding decisions.
- 5.2. The Chair of the Research Careers Committee will provide an update at an SEB meeting on an annual basis to discuss how the Committee is delivering against the strategic priorities of Cancer Research UK; update on portfolio shifts; and discuss new strategic opportunities and/or any challenges relating to the development of research careers.

6. Research remit

- 6.1. The intent of applications for funding considered by the Research Careers Committee can relate to any area of research within Cancer Research UK's research remit but funding for clinical trials is explicitly out of scope and must not be incorporated into research career awards.