

Role description for the position of Member of the Research Committee

The Research Committee (RC)

The RC aims at encouraging innovation and excellence in research by supporting research facilitation and cooperation in the field of digestive health. The RC closely monitors the development of European Research funding schemes and collaborates with Brussels based stakeholders to advocate in favor of more research funds for digestive health.

Structure

Every Ordinary (Specialist) Member Society has the opportunity to send one representative. The Young Talent Group and the National Societies Committee appoint one cross-representative each. Independent members are nominated at the discretion of the chair if expertise is missing.

Role Description

Tasks of the Research Committee:

- Facilitating research and cooperation through the Researchers' Network, a dedicated network and platform for exchange on EU funded research
- Providing evidence and advice to research funding bodies on priority areas, in close liaison with our member societies
- Advocating at the EU level to encourage innovation and excellence in digestive health research, in collaboration with Biomed Alliance and other Brussels-based stakeholders
- Supporting pan-European consortia in the exploratory phase of applications to EU funding
- Promoting awards, prizes, and fellowships to support innovation and excellence in digestive health research
- Supervising the UEG White Book (Analysis of the socioeconomic burden of digestive diseases and identification of relevant research gaps in the field of digestive health)

Person Specification

Members of the Research Committee

- are active leading researchers, holding a current European grant or having experience in applying to these grants
- have knowledge of the European funding landscape
- are willing to assume specific, expertise-based project responsibilities
- maintain a good two-way communication between the RC and their sending society
- provide good organisational skills and show the ability to work across organisational and cultural boundaries
- have good command of spoken and written English
- make regular and proficient use of provided online tools, specifically the [myUEG dashboard](#)
- reside in Europe and the Mediterranean area (countries that are bordering the Mediterranean Sea)

UEG unites individuals of all genders, ages, backgrounds, ethnicities, abilities, and experiences. We are proud to have achieved increased participation of women and young talents in the last few years. We continue to strive for equality of opportunity and inclusion and invite a diverse field of applicants for this position.

Volunteer time commitment

Members of the RC shall be willing and able to spend a decent amount of time on fulfilling their role. They must prepare for and follow-up on two to three meetings a year (held physically or virtually) and stay in e-mail contact. Personal meeting attendance is mandatory and usually requires travelling to Vienna and other European meeting venues.

Benefits

Members of the Research Committee benefit from

- stimulating activities that contribute to the furtherance of research and other meaningful goals in digestive health
- professional networking opportunities across specialties in digestive health
- belonging to a diverse, international community
- a reimbursement package for travelling and accommodation for physical meetings
- the continuous support of highly dedicated staff at the UEG Offices in Vienna and Brussels

Recommended reading

We recommend that candidates view the [UEG Strategic Plan 2019-2022](#) and the [UEG Research](#) section on the UEG Website.

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