

Research Strategy Board

Remit

To provide the charity with expert insight and fulfil governance requirements for the review and development of its research strategy which will underpin the charity's £5M Research Fund within its 2020 Strategy. The Board reports to the Board of Governors.

Terms of Reference

The Research Strategy Board (RSB) will:

- inform the Charity in its understanding of the research award types and associated merits and preferences; advantages and disadvantages of different approaches and development of a revised strategy for funding research from 2018.
- advise the Board of Governors on the development of any necessary policies relating to the charity's research strategy, to include but not limited to intellectual property rights, data sharing and ethics
- advise the Board of Governors on the Research Awards Panel remit, providing a best practice peer review policy of research award applications
- make recommendations for maximising the impact from the charity's Research Fund and activities
- and help the charity develop its networks in funding research.

Membership

The Chair of the RSB will be appointed by the Board of Governors.

Prior to setting up the Research Awards Panel, the RSB will advise on all aspects of funding research; strategy and policy development, peer review processes, data sharing, intellectual property rights and ethics. Terms of appointment for all members will be for two years, with the possibility of renewal depending on mutual agreement.

Meetings

It is expected the Board will meet twice within the first year (2017), followed by one meeting per year thereafter or as required. There will also be communication by email and possible telecalls.