

Research Advisory Council Member – Academic (University affiliation)

Role Description

2024-2028

The **Academic (university affiliation) member** is a voting position on WeRPN's Research Advisory Council (RAC). The RAC oversees WeRPN's research program and provides guidance to achieve the WeRPN research mandate. Specifically, the role of the Academic – University representative is to provide advice on WeRPN's strategic research direction, research priorities, annual work plan, processes, and policies, based on university research experience and collaborative network connections.

The **WeRPN research mandate** is to equip the association with jurisdictional and category specific RPN-focused evidence that will guide health system decisions, nursing research excellence, and knowledge mobilization to be used to:

- o build upon and expand the current RPN research evidence,
- o initiate and pursue meaningful health system and workforce policy changes, and
- o implement novel and innovative nursing practice/intervention protocols, and collaborative interprofessional models of care.

Terms of Commitment

The voluntary 2-year term voting position is commensurate with July 1 of the fiscal year. Attendance is required at quarterly meetings, scheduled by consensus. Some exceptions apply.

Time Requirements (estimated)

- Virtual Meetings: 1 hour, 4 times per year
- Participation in RAC activities: 1-research day, 7 hours, once per year plus travel (if applicable)

Duties of Research Advisory Council members include:

- o Attend and participate regularly in quarterly meetings (*cameras turned on during virtual meetings*)
- o Monitor trends and issues for matters related to RPNs to identify new knowledge, information or gaps
- o Review and provide feedback related to research processes (e.g., external requests, grants, fellowships and awards)
- o Review processes and offer guidance for identifying important research topic areas/ideas,
- o Capture membership opinions, e.g., focus groups, survey, about essential research topics,
- o Ensure research priorities are aligned with the strategic plan drivers of impact,
- o Prioritize, recommend, and promote RPN research priorities,

- Establish a researcher network to support the identification of collaborative opportunities and access to specific areas of expertise (e.g., research methods, data analysis),
- Evaluate research grants proposals, fellowship proposal, award nominations, and external requests to recommend WeRPN funding, sponsorship, or collaborations
- Make recommendations to the WeRPN leadership regarding research initiatives,
- Recommend RPN-focused/inclusive literature to include within the WeRPN elibrary
- Monitor research expenditures and investments,
- Advise on knowledge mobilization initiatives
- Conduct an evaluation of the research strategy, and
- Identify and recommend new Research Advisory Council members, as necessary.