2024 Scientific Review Committee Membership Recruitment

Overview

The Foundation Scientific Review Committee (SRC) is comprised of a wide spectrum of experienced physical therapy researchers who volunteer for two-year terms. Members operate in an independent, objective, and rigorous Foundation review process. The SRC is a vital element in the Foundation’s mission to support the development of well-trained, capable researchers.

In 2024, a major objective is to increase membership to fill current shortages in specialty areas that receive more applications. More reviewers will ensure that we can limit the number of applications assigned to each reviewer in a given review period. The Board of Trustees approves all nominations for membership. **It is important to note that SRC members are not eligible to apply for or hold any Foundation funding while they are members.**

Responsibilities

Members agree to follow the Foundation’s confidentiality, data security, and conflict of interest policies, undertake bias mitigation training, and follow the Foundation’s operational guidelines for reviewing, discussing, and scoring applications.

Members agree to review applications each review round (one for scholarships and one for research grants per year) and attend review discussion meetings held for each round. The Foundation assigns a primary and secondary reviewer for each application.

Members evaluate applications according to established criteria and scoring rubrics using a review module on the ProposalCentral online platform. They will provide constructive comments that are shared with applicants to help them hone their scholarship or research grant application skills.

Criteria for SRC membership

A SRC member will have the following qualifications and experience:

1. Be able to commit the time needed spread over approximately four months each year to review, discuss and finalize scoring of applications from the scholarship program, usually in February and March, and the research grant program, usually in August and September.
2. Be a licensed physical therapist.
3. Be a full and active member of APTA, e.g., be a member of an academy, section, state chapter, or SIG.
4. Hold a PhD or equivalent degree from an accredited university.
5. Have substantive experience conducting high-quality research as a principal investigator, as evidenced by successful competitive grant awards and by a sustained publication record in peer-reviewed journals or books.
6. Have experience reviewing grant proposals for funding by NIH, NSF, DOD, VA, or other national funding agencies, associations, or foundations.
7. For research grants, have expertise in one or more specialty areas for which the Foundation awards research grants and have expertise in relevant research methodologies.
8. For scholarships, have relevant experience teaching in PT doctoral education, mentoring doctoral students, and reviewing graduate scholarship applications.

Types of specialty areas and research methodologies needed

We welcome interest from all experienced physical therapy researchers.

We would especially like to hear from you if you have expertise in any of these areas. **Bold text indicates priority areas for finding more reviewers:**

- Acute care
- Biokinesiology
- Biomechanics
- Cardiovascular and pulmonary
- **Cerebral palsy**
- Chronic pain
- Digital health
- Education research
- **Geriatrics**
- Health disparities (includes social determinants of health)
- Home health
- **Manual therapy**
- Neurology, neurophysiology, neuroscience
- Oncology
- Orthopedics (in particular neck, shoulder, spine, hand, knee, ankle
- **Parkinson’s**
- Pediatrics
- Pelvic health (female, male and transgender)
- Sports
- Telehealth
- **Wearable sensors**

We would like to expand the range of methodological expertise on the SRC:

- **Implementation science**
- Mixed methods
- **Cost-effectiveness analysis**
- Qualitative
- Systematic reviews

Please send in your CV with a covering note identifying which areas you feel comfortable reviewing to info@foundation4PT.org. You can add areas or details not listed above.

Thank you!