

Biomedical Research Committee

(December 2022)

Terms of Reference

Refer to HRC Act 1990 (Sections 13, 14 Principal function of the Biomedical Research Committee and Sections 17-19 General Functions of Research Committees) and HRC Policy Document *Description, Interpretation and Implementation of the Statutory Functions for Research Committees*.

Membership Composition

Section 20 of the HRC Act 1990 states:

Membership of research committees

- 1 Each research committee shall consist of seven (7) members.
- 2 At least five (5) of the seven (7) members of each research committee shall have research experience that is relevant to the kind of health research in respect of which the committee is established.
- 3 The members of each research committee –
 - (a) *Shall be appointed from time to time by the Council; and*
 - (b) *May include both members of the Council and persons who are not members of the Council.*
- 4 In appointing members of a research committee, the Council shall have regard to –
 - (a) *Their personal attributes; and*
 - (b) *Their ability to contribute to the discharge of the functions of the research committee.*
- 5 The chairperson of each research committee shall be a member of the Council from time to time appointed for the purpose by the Council.
- 6 Subject to subsection (7) of this section, every member of a research committee shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years but may from time to time be reappointed.
- 7 Upon the completion by any person of two (2) consecutive terms as a member of a research committee, that person shall cease to be eligible for reappointment as a member of that research committee until after the lapse of three (3) years during which that person did not hold office as a member of that research committee.

Council agreed in principle to co-option of members to the Research Committee for a period of twelve months (Refer to HRC Council minutes April 1993).

Term of Office

Refer to HRC Act 1990 (Section 20)

Process for Appointment of Committee Members

The Council taking into consideration the matters referred to in Part 1, Section 20(4) of the HRC Act 1990 and consulting with the Committee, appoints members. The Chief Executive formally invites the proposed member confirmed by Council.

Current Membership	Date Appointed	End of Term	Expertise	Location
Professor Vicky Cameron (Chair) Extended term on Council	08.2019 08.2022	08.2022 12.2022	Cardiovascular disease	Christchurch
Professor Nicola Dalbeth (Co-opted: one year term) Reappointed as member	09.2019 08.2020	09.2020 08.2023	Rheumatology	Auckland
Associate Professor Sunia Foliaki	04.2023	04.2026	Pacific people's Health	Wellington
Associate Professor Katie Groom	04.2020	04.2023	Perinatology	Auckland
Professor Greg Jones (Co-opted: one year term) Reappointed as member	12.2020 12.2021	12.2021 12.2024	Vascular Biology	Dunedin
Professor Jonathan Koea (Co-opted: one year term) Reappointed as member)	08.2021 04.2022	08.2022 04.2025	Surgery, Māori health	Auckland
Professor Anne La Flamme (Co-opted as member: 1 year term) Appointed as member (Reappointed as Co-opted member: one year term)	09.2018 09.2019 08.2022	09.2019 09.2022 08.2023	Immunology	Wellington

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Dr Natalie Netzler (Co-opted: one year term)	12.2022	12.2023	Virology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Pacific Health	Auckland
Associate Professor Louise Parr-Brownlie (Co-opted: one year term Reappointed as member)	08.2021 04.2022	08.2022 04.2025	Neuroscience	Auckland
Professor John Reynolds (Reappointed as Co-opted member: one year term)	04.2019 04.2022	04.2022 04.2023	Neuroscience	Dunedin
Associate Professor Dianne Sika-Paotonu	12.2022	12.2025	Immunology, Pacific Health	Wellington
Dr Jade Tamatea	12.2020	12.2023	Endocrinology, Māori health	Waikato and Auckland

Secretary: Dr Katie Palastanga (Research Investment Manager, Biomedical)

Quorum: 4

Meetings per annum: 3-4

Reports to: Council

Established by: HRC Act 1990

Reviewed:

Disbanded: