# Biomedical Research Committee

*(September 2023)*

## 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.

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| **Current Membership** | **Date Appointed** | **End of Term** | **Expertise** | **Location** |
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| Associate Professor Sunia Foliaki | 04.2023 | 04.2026 | Pacific people’s Health | Wellington |
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| Professor Greg Jones  (Co-opted: one year term)  Reappointed as member  Professor Jonathan Koea (Co-opted: one year term  Reappointed as member) | 12.2020  12.2021  08.2021  04.2022 | 12.2021  12.2024  08.2022  04.2025 | Vascular Biology  Surgery, Māori health | Dunedin  Auckland |
| Dr Natalie Netzler  (Co-opted: one year term)  (Co-opted: one year | 12.2022  12.2023 | 12.2023  12.2024 | Virology, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Pacific Health | Auckland |
| Associate Professor Dianne Sika-Paotonu  Dr Jade Tamatea  (Reappointed for a second term) | 12.2022  12.2020  12.2023 | 12.2025  12.2023  12.2026 | Immunology, Pacific Health  Endocrinology, Māori health | Wellington  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: