



SarcomaUK

The bone & soft tissue
cancer charity

Role Description

Grant Review Panel Member





ABOUT SARCOMA UK

Sarcoma UK is the only cancer charity in the UK focussing on all types of sarcoma.

Our vision

Where everyone affected by sarcoma cancer has the treatment, care and support they need.

Our long-term vision

All people with sarcoma will be diagnosed earlier, have better experiences and live longer lives with less long-term effects.

Our mission

To ensure that everyone affected by sarcoma receives the best treatment, care, information and support available and to create the treatments of the future.

What we do

- Drive awareness of sarcoma cancer
- Find answers through funding sarcoma research
- Provide information and support to anyone affected by sarcoma cancer.
- Campaign for better treatments and to improve standards of care.

Our goals

- More people will survive sarcoma.
- More will be known about the causes of sarcoma.
- Everyone affected by sarcoma will have access to the best treatment and care.

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Sarcoma UK's research programme

The charity's [research programme](#) has been running since 2009. So far, we've committed over £5 million across over 70 projects at universities and NHS institutions across the UK, to better understand the causes of sarcoma, and develop kinder, more effective treatments and outcomes for patients. Ultimately, our research programme supports science that can achieve the greatest impact for people affected by sarcoma.

Sarcoma UK's [Grant Review Panel](#) provides recommendations to Sarcoma UK for funding for individual research projects. The Panel are expected to ensure their recommendations support only the highest quality research, which has a direct benefit to people affected by sarcoma and makes effective use of charitable funds.

The panel's membership aims to represent those who are involved in the full spectrum of sarcoma research, including sarcoma specialist clinicians, academic scientists and people with a personal connection to sarcoma.

Role purpose

To provide recommendations to Sarcoma UK's Board of Trustees on decisions relating to the funding and management of research projects in line with [Sarcoma UK's Research Strategy](#). This involves considering the comments of expert and lay external reviewers in making a judgement as to the quality and relevance of each grant application.

To provide advice to Sarcoma UK on funding procedures, types of award, and refinement of research funding process.

Main responsibilities

- To attend Grant Review Panel meetings when necessary to consider the grant applications received by Sarcoma UK.
- To review applications and reviewers' comments in advance of the panel meeting, and to submit written comments and scores to Sarcoma UK on assigned applications.
- To contribute to discussions at Grant Review Panel meetings to ensure that the Panel's recommendations reflect issues of concern to researchers and people affected by sarcoma.
- In exceptional circumstances, to contribute to discussions on individual grant applications or cost-extensions outside of Grant Review Panel meetings.
- To declare all potential conflicts of interest using Sarcoma UK's Declaration of Interest form.
- To uphold the Sarcoma UK's Code of Conduct for grant review, specifically:
 - Declaring any conflicts of interest
 - Ensuring that all applications, comments and correspondence remain strictly confidential

- Ensuring that outcomes and feedback are communicated to applicants by Sarcoma UK only

Person specification

We welcome applications from a broad range of new panel members across the spectrum of sarcoma and cancer research. You should be:

- A senior scientist or clinical researcher with a significant track record of conducting and leading research in sarcoma or other cancers
- Experienced in reviewing and assessing applications, and understand how funding decisions are reached
- Affiliated with a university, research institute, or NHS institution, with a good understanding of the UK medical research landscape
- Committed to improving the lives of people affected by sarcoma

We particularly welcome applications from scientists and academics with expertise in any of the following areas; genetics, molecular pathology, molecular biology, drug development, immunology, and quality of life.

Remuneration

All our Grant Review Panel members are volunteers; we are extremely grateful for their time and expertise. Sarcoma UK will reimburse reasonable expenses for attendance at meetings - for example the cost of standard class travel and if necessary overnight accommodation. For full details see Sarcoma UK expenses guidelines.

Length of term

Individuals will be invited to be members of the Grant Review Panel for a term of three years. This can be extended for up to three years by agreement between Sarcoma UK, the Chair of the Grant Review Panel and the individual concerned, to ensure a rolling turn-over of Grant Review Panel members. Members of our Grant Review Panel are permitted to hold and apply for grants from Sarcoma UK throughout their term of office.

Time commitment

The Grant Review Panel meets twice a year, once per grant funding round. Members should allow for approximately a one-day time commitment per meeting, plus time for preparation and reading papers in advance. Dates will be confirmed several months in advance, with the option to attend in person or virtually.

How to apply

Please email research@sarcoma.org.uk with a cover letter (maximum 2 pages) and CV.

In your cover letter please include the following:

- Your reasons for applying
- Key areas of scientific or clinical expertise

- Experience of peer reviewing or assessing applications
- Any current and previous membership of scientific or clinical funding panels or committees

Applications will be reviewed by Sarcoma UK's research team. Selection will be based on expertise and experience.

The deadline for applications is Monday 24th October 2022 at 12pm midday. Applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within two weeks.

Please get in touch with us at research@sarcoma.org.uk with any questions.