

RESEARCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

To provide leadership, priorities and where possible programs that foster and promote novel and high quality research, which is relevant to Medicine.

Objectives of the Research Executive Committee

1. To encourage and support high quality research in Medicine that contributes important knowledge and insights to the pathogenesis, diagnosis and care of patients in the Department of Medicine;
2. To create and sustain an innovative training environment of highest international standing;
3. To define and promote a leading role for the School of Internal Medicine in research, locally, nationally and internationally with ensuing knowledge translation;
4. To foster recruitment of outstanding researchers and leadership to the School of Internal Medicine;
5. To develop and maintain effective collaborations and partnerships that benefit research domains within the School of Internal Medicine;
6. To establish and maintain organizational excellence through effective planning communication and collaboration;
7. To facilitate faculty development in research;
8. To review and assess the research accomplishments of the School of Internal Medicine faculty members seeking promotion.

Functions of the Research Executive Committee

1. To advise the Chair of the Department of Medicine/Lead, School of Internal Medicine regarding:
 - research activities within the School of Internal Medicine;
 - the principles for the allocation of funding and other resources for research activities;
 - recruitment and promotion of researchers;
 - the evaluation of current research programs and in the development of new research programs in the University and in collaboration with affiliated hospitals and health regions;
 - the selection of recipients of annual Department of Medicine Research Awards.
2. To facilitate liaison with major committees and other initiatives within the Faculty, the University of Alberta at large and outside the University, relating to research. This would include membership on various committees in the Department of Medicine, including: Executive, Steering, Academic Evaluations, Graduate Education, Career Development, as well as search and review committees for Research Chairs, Division Directors and the Chair of the Department.
3. To assist in:

- the research career development of trainees and faculty through liaison with the Career Development Program, the Graduate Education Program and the Resident Research Program of the Department;
 - mentor/mentee pairing and ongoing assessment of the scientific mentorship program in the Department;
 - support of existing and established researchers within the School of Internal Medicine;
 - the formulation of new initiatives in fund raising for research.
4. To facilitate, in conjunction with the Department of Medicine's Research Manager:
 - the review of grant and career award applications for the members of the Department;
 - organizing and/or coordinating research seminars, lectures and workshops;
 - the School of Internal Medicine Research Day.
 5. To help in the development of an Annual Report of the research activities of the School of Internal Medicine.

Composition

The Research Executive Committee consists of at least 5 members appointed by the Lead, School of Internal Medicine who is also the Chair of the Department of Medicine.

The Chair of the Committee shall be the Research Lead, School of Internal Medicine, the Vice-Chair shall be the Alternate Research Lead, School of Internal Medicine. The Scientific Director of the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute is a member of the committee, by virtue of appointment. At least 3 other members of the committee are appointment jointly by the Lead, and Research Lead of the School of Internal Medicine. Ex-Officio Member is the Assistant Chair of the Department of Medicine and is a non-voting member. From time to time guests are invited to attend Committee meetings and participate in ad hoc working groups. A quorum is 50% of the full members.