



## Position Description

Position Title:	Research Advisory Committee Member
Position reports to:	Research Advisory Committee Chair
Internal Liaisons:	Executive Team, National Managers and employees
External Liaisons:	Media, government, non-government organisations and donors, other survivors of stroke and carers
Time commitment:	The committee meets five times each year Committee members are asked for advice to contribute to research activities between meetings.

### Overview of National Stroke Foundation

Stroke is one of Australia's biggest killers and a leading cause of disability amongst adults. One stroke occurs every 19 minutes in Australia and 27,428 Australians experienced a stroke for the first time in 2020. There were more than 445,000 Australians living with stroke in 2020. The economic cost of stroke at that time exceeded \$6.2 billion, with a further 26.0 billion in lost wellbeing - due to short and long-term disability, and premature death. In addition;

- › 8,703 Australians will die because of stroke this year.
- › 24 percent of strokes occur in people aged 18-54 years; in 2012 this age group represented 14 percent.
- › Regional and rural Australians are 17% more likely to experience a stroke than their metropolitan counterparts.

In 2050, without action, 50,600 Australians will experience a stroke for the first time and there will be 819,900 survivors of stroke in the community. Despite public misperception, stroke is largely preventable, it is highly treatable, and survivors can make a good recovery when they receive evidenced-based emergency treatment, rehabilitation and community support.

Stroke Foundation is a national charity that partners with the community to prevent, treat and beat stroke. We stand alongside survivors of stroke and their families, healthcare professionals and researchers. We build community awareness and foster new thinking and innovative treatments. We support survivors on their journey to live the best possible life after stroke. We are the voice of stroke in Australia, and we work to:

- › Raise awareness of the risk factors, signs of stroke and promote healthy lifestyles.
- › Improve treatment for stroke to save lives and reduce disability.
- › Improve life after stroke for survivors.

- › Encourage and facilitate stroke research.
- › Advocate for initiatives to prevent, treat and beat stroke.
- › Raise funds from the community, corporate sector, and governments to continue our mission.

Stroke Foundation is an equal opportunity employer that encourages people with a lived experience of stroke, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds to apply.

Our Values of Courage, Excellence, Compassion, Integrity and Leadership are an integral part of our culture, brand and positioning. These values inform our decisions and behaviours in our dealings internally within the organisation, and externally with our stakeholders. All workforce members will demonstrate behaviours aligning with these Stroke Foundation values.

## **Stroke Foundation Governance**

The Board of Stroke Foundation is responsible for the oversight and review of the management, administration and overall governance of the Foundation. The Research Advisory Committee is a Board subcommittee: [Governance | Stroke Foundation - Australia](#)

Committee members are experienced researchers with an established track record in research on stroke and/or related fields, and representatives with lived experience of stroke and research experience, including at least one survivor of stroke and one carer.

Expertise within the Research Advisory Committee is multi-disciplinary because of the diverse impact of stroke, covering areas of practice, continuum of care, methodologies, and the voice of lived experience.

## **Overall Purpose of the role**

Reporting to the Research Advisory Committee Chair, Committee members provide advice on:

- › Strategy underpinning our Research Program.
- › Stroke Foundation's Research Grant funding.
- › Requests for Stroke Foundation participation or endorsement of external research programs and projects, including partnership grants.
- › Other activities arising from the implementation of the program.

Research Advisory Committee meetings are held five times per year via videoconference. Being a Research Advisory Committee member is an honorary appointment.

## **Major duties and responsibilities**

- › Complete the Research Advisory Committee Member induction and training as required
- › Attend Research Advisory Committee meetings
- › Provide high quality advice on research strategy, policy, programs and projects, specifically:
  - › Advise on the funding mix and priorities for the grant funding round each year

- › Provide oversight and guidance on the review process throughout the application process
- › Assess applications from researchers who propose to partner with Stroke Foundation
- › Provide input into Stroke Foundation calls for consultations and commissions (e.g. from NHMRC, MRFF, etc).
- › Provide advice on research publications and presentations.
- › Share from your experience, and represent the stroke research community and Stroke Foundation in the media, at events, and to stakeholders.
- › Act as a Stroke Foundation advocate and ambassador, raising awareness of the Stroke Foundation and of stroke.

### **Knowledge, skills and attributes**

- › Understanding of the research landscape and stroke-specific research
- › Collaboration and working effectively in groups
- › Experience in working with people with lived experience in research projects (consultation, design, partnership)
- › Experience in a committee structure
- › Experience in leadership roles
- › Critical thinking
- › Conflict of interest management
- › Understanding of the perspectives of others
- › Enthusiastic and positive outlook
- › Willingness to undertake orientation and training as required.

### **Experience**

Direct experience with stroke research and/or related fields.

Experience with stroke community (people with stroke, carers, significant others; health professionals)

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**Research Advisory Committee Member**

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