

Cancer Research UK Programmes Committee

Terms of Reference

- To oversee all aspects of Cancer Research UK's funding for programme grants, Clinical Chairs and Centres, excluding clinical trials and programmes falling within the remit of the Population and Behavioural Sciences Committee and the Translational Committee.
- To allocate resources within the agreed budget.
- To review new applications for programme grants, clinical research programmes and integrated research activities.
- To ensure the maintenance of an internationally competitive research portfolio, which is targeted to the fulfilment of Cancer Research UK's mission, by allocating resources on the basis of scientific excellence and relevance to Cancer Research UK's scientific strategy.
- To establish and periodically review measures of success and to apply these to the regular audit of the different funding models e.g. short and long term funding, co-ordinated centres, partnership with other funding bodies etc.
- To apply peer review of the highest international standards and to engage the appropriate additional expertise in the assessment of applications and evaluation of funded research programmes.
- To monitor the progress of funded research through receipt and review of annual reports and to approve annual grant instalments.
- To ensure that all research is conducted to the highest ethical standards, complies with all relevant regulations and guidelines, and is conducted in an environment which supports the highest standards of research governance.
- To be responsible for the quinquennial reviews of the programme grants and to contribute to the quinquennial reviews of other Cancer Research UK-supported research.
- To commission topic reviews, or oversee topic reviews commissioned by the SEB, to facilitate development of the scientific strategy and the research portfolio.
- To receive the Minutes of the Project Grants Committee meetings and to develop and maintain an interactive dialogue with the Project Grants Committee about the research portfolio and the issues that are relevant to promoting and maintaining high quality, competitive research programmes in the universities and Medical Schools.
- To maintain an awareness of the other funding committees' portfolios through receipt of executive summaries and minutes.
- To interact with the Services & Technologies Board.
- To provide input into the Training & Career Development Board by identification of specific training needs and opportunities in the universities and clinical arenas.
- To proactively identify and bring to the attention of the SEB, new funding opportunities and new areas where Cancer Research UK funding could make a significant impact.
- To bring to the attention of the SEB issues relevant to the funding of research in universities and Medical Schools.
- To provide input into the development of the scientific strategy for Cancer Research UK.