Expression of Interest –
Chair, RSA Research
Special Interest Group

Preamble:
The Renal Society of Australasia (RSA) is the professional membership association for renal healthcare professionals. It has a membership of over 1800, comprising mostly nurses, with smaller numbers of allied health, technical and other professionals.

The RSA’s Research Special Interest Group (SIG) was formed in 2016 and is now seeking a new chair. Please refer to the Research SIG Terms of Reference for further information about this special interest group.

Responsible to: Research SIG and RSA Board.

Term of office: The appointment is for an initial two-year period with the option to extend for further twelve month periods for a period up to two years.

Requirements of the Chair:

- Be a current financial member of the RSA
- Possess current knowledge of contemporary nephrology clinical practices, research and professional issues
- Have superior interpersonal, networking and written skills
- Have proven experience in research.

Responsibilities of the Chair:

- Ensure that the Research SIG develops a common view of its purpose and responsibility in order to realise the strategic direction of the RSA.
- Be attuned to the specific research needs of RSA members, to capitalise on opportunities and realise the strategic direction of the RSA accordingly.
- Take a lead role in the development and implementation of the RSA’s research strategy.
- To report to the RSA Board and provide advice on research direction where required
- Represent the RSA or Research SIG at or on external forums/committees/conferences as required or requested
- Liaise closely with the Board and Executive Officer to facilitate the optimal functioning of the SIG
- Chair all Research SIG teleconferences
- Prepare Research SIG meeting agendas in conjunction with the Executive Officer in a timely manner.

Time commitment required: The role of Chair requires an estimated commitment of 8-12hrs per month. This is a voluntary position without financial remuneration.

Meeting Frequency: The Research SIG will meet at least quarterly, including a face-to-face meeting held in conjunction with the RSA Annual Conference. Committee members may be required to meet in smaller working groups outside of the formal committee meetings to progress projects.
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