



BASL Research Committee Lead Role Description

Membership

The Research Committee Lead is elected by the membership to serve for a period of up to three years and may be re-elected once.

The successful candidate should have working knowledge of and promote (i) clinical research, including trials, national audits, and investigator led studies; (ii) research networks; (iii) collaboration across national and international boundaries; inter-disciplinary group working; (iv) new models of research including the overlap with Public Health and digital transformation. The candidate would also work collaboratively with the Basic Science Research lead to ensure a clear line of sight across the whole spectrum of research, from underpinning fundamental science through to applied research in clinical practice.

The successful applicant will be expected to attend and contribute to the 2 face-to-face and 2 web-based committee meetings each year, and to the work of the committee for BASL.

In the event of an unexpected vacancy, the Governing Board may nominate a substitute Research Lead for the remaining period until the next Business Meeting.

Roles and responsibilities

1. To promote liver research and education (clinical and translational).
2. Encourage attendance of clinical researchers at the main annual meeting and to advise on speakers and “hot topics” within the programme.
3. Chair the BASL Research Development Group (RDG) and attend, when invited, the NIHR Research Delivery Network National Specialty Group for Gastroenterology and Hepatology. The purpose of the RDG is to input into UK clinical studies at the planning stage to ensure maximum recruitment and augment the chances of funding. This might include some attempt at co-ordination to promote collaboration and to avoid competing with other liver-based studies. Additionally, the RDG will provide support to ongoing UK clinical studies.
4. Foster the notion that BASL will be more successful as a broad, inclusive, collaborative society open to new ideas. Encourage less established research centres (particularly where high prevalence of liver disease), to become involved in liver research and help support, develop, and mentor these units.
5. Support ALL interested hepatologists across the UK and Ireland, wherever they work to recruit to clinical studies. Promote these through the annual meeting, BASL SiG meetings or through the newsletter.
6. A source of external and independent advice to provide advice and support to research teams.

7. BASL needs to be kept up to date with progress in ongoing UK and Ireland studies. Time should be provided in the annual meeting to do this.
8. Help in judging abstracts, bursaries, Sheila Sherlock & Andy Burroughs awards.
9. Help plan BASL meetings; Annual Meeting and other Scientific meetings. Involvement with SiGs where appropriate.

BASL is committed to promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in all aspects of its work. It is actively promoting equal opportunities and access for all our members regardless of their background. We would, therefore, encourage you to consider joining the BASL committee to help to shape the future of BASL and increase our inclusivity/inclusiveness.