

**Criteria for membership of the Research,  
Development and Innovation Committee 2022**

As an 'expert' committee, membership of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee is subject to a process of nomination or self-nomination by members of the Royal College of Podiatry, followed by a selection process adopting the criteria outlined below.

Nominees may be eligible for membership of the RDI Committee if they are able to satisfy the criteria for one of the following categories.

**Experienced researchers**

At least 30 research publications  
Have held single research grants of a value greater than £200,000  
MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc.  
Professorial status  
Demonstrably active in podiatry throughout the previous 5 years

**Career researchers**

At least 10 research publications  
Have held single research grants of a value greater than £40,000  
MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc.

**New researchers**

Currently at least three years or more into a PhD study, or have completed a PhD within the last five years  
At least one research publication

**"Core" Podiatrists with research interests**

MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc  
Working predominantly in podiatry practice for five years or more  
At least two research publications

**Podiatric surgeons with research interests**

Qualified Podiatric surgeon  
MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc  
At least two research publications

**Biomechanics specialists with research interests**

MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc  
Biomechanics qualification or working predominantly in biomechanics for five years or more  
At least two research publications

**Podiatry managers with research interests**

Head or Deputy Head of podiatry service  
MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc  
At least two research publications

**Podiatry educators with research interests**

Working predominantly in podiatry education for five years or more

MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc

At least five research publications

**Private practitioners with research interests**

Working predominantly in private practice

MPhil, PhD or Prof Doc

At least two research publications

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**Statement of Principle**

Members who are selected to serve on the Research, Development and Innovation Committee must abide by the following Statement of Principle:

*As a member of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee, each individual should:*

- *Endeavour to attend at least two of the scheduled meetings of the Committee each year*
- *Be prepared to serve the interests of the wider membership and those of the Royal College of Podiatry*
- *Acknowledge the need to serve the broader interests and needs of the profession and the Royal College of Podiatry and not to serve or promote those of particular sectional or interest groups*
- *Undertake to demonstrate mutual respect for other members of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee*
- *Be prepared to contribute and actively participate in the duties and commitments of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee*
- *Undertake not to disclose confidential information arising from the business of the Research, Development and Innovation Committee*
- *Allow everyone to take part in committee meetings without interruption or intimidation, and to treat everyone equally*