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Research & Development Group Lead

Job Description

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Responsibilities

- Work with Officers and Council of BCIS to achieve the objectives of the Society
- The successful candidate will become a full member of BCIS Council with specific responsibility for research
- Chair and manage activities of the Research Group on behalf of BCIS & liaise closely with Council. This will require the organisation of at least 2 meetings per year of the Research Group.
- Represent BCIS at meetings relating to research at NICOR and work closely with Peter Ludman in relation to these matters
- Hold responsibility for the development and prosecution of a broad-based BCIS strategy for supporting and fostering interventional research at national level. The Research Lead will report back to Council for discussion and ratification of the elements of this strategy.
- Areas that will fall within the remit of the national research strategy will include the following:
 - (i) Administration of annual BCIS Young Investigator and Research of the Year awards, including calls for submissions, abstract grading, organisation of BCIS Research Day & overseeing winners' presentations at ACI
 - (ii) Administration and review of applications to BCIS for studies requiring access to the BCIS database (acknowledgement/arranging referees/provisional recommendation for acceptance or rejection etc.)
 - (iii) The established BCIS initiative to offer peer review support
 - (iv) Initiatives relating to BCIS sponsorship of research fellowships/ research meetings
 - (v) Regular reports to BCIS Newsletters
 - (vi) Overseeing the production of BCIS R&D literature update
 - (vii) Support of BCIS and other third party educational meetings to promote research education and training

Eligibility

Essential

Those standing for election should:

- be an Ordinary Member of the Society
- have extensive experience of clinical research, including the prosecution of multi-centre studies
- have experience of committee work
- have the skills of a committed individual with good organisational abilities
- submit a personal statement outlining prior relevant experience and indicating aspirations if successful in being elected to the post
- be elected by ballot of all current and previous voting Council members

Desirable

- A detailed knowledge of trial design and statistical method
- Experience of the workings of BCIS
- Personal experience of setting up multicentre research from scratch as well as a track record of securing funding for projects

Term of Office

3 years from January 2020, with an approximately 3 month run-in period working alongside the current incumbent Research & Development Group Lead and President Elect Nick Curzen once appointed.