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Stem Cell Network Early Career Researcher Committee

Overview

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The purpose of the Early Career Researcher Committee (ECRC) is to support Stem Cell Network (SCN) in the development and implementation of activities that profile and support the growth of early career researchers (ECRs) working in the field stem cell and regenerative medicine research. SCN seeks to provide ECR community members with the skills and support needed to build world-class research programs and jump-start their careers in academia. The ECRC supports SCN in the attainment of these goals through four main activities:

1. Supporting SCN management in identifying and organizing professional development opportunities that will benefit ECRs.
2. Organization of the SCN's biennial ECR symposium.
3. Provide an organized and central platform for ECRs to connect to other ECRs, mentors, and potential collaborators.
4. Improve the visibility and establish the "brand" of ECRs within the SCN community, nationally and internationally.

ECRC members are selected to ensure representation of the expertise and diversity present across Canada's academic, clinical and industry regenerative medicine community. ECRC membership reflects a demonstrated commitment to professional development, networking, and empowering the next generation of scientists. Calls for new ECRC members will be periodically issued to ensure that the committee remains representative of the community's geographic and societal diversity. **SCN values the individual differences, lived experiences, expertise, and knowledge of those in the community regardless of age, ancestry, culture, physical ability, gender identity, race, religion, and sexual orientation.**

The term of membership for the ECRC is two years, with the option to renew for an additional year. The next term of the ECRC is January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.



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The ECRC meets via videoconference, or in person (e.g. at SCN's annual Till & McCulloch Meetings), at the call of SCN management as required, and at least twice per year.

To be eligible to be invited for membership of the ECRC, **investigators must work within the field of regenerative medicine at a Canadian university or research institute AND must be able to commit to complete the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024.**



Stem Cell Network Training & Education Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose	<p>The purpose of the ECRC is to act in an enabling capacity to SCN management with respect to ECR-related activities, and specifically to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Supporting SCN management in identifying and organizing professional development opportunities that will primarily benefit ECRs.2. Organization of the SCN’s biennial ECR symposium.3. Provide an organized and central platform for ECRs to connect to one another, mentors, and potential collaborators.4. Improve the visibility and establish the “brand” of ECRs within the SCN community, nationally and internationally.
Authority	<p>The ECRC reports directly to the SCN Vice-President, Research and Training.</p>
Composition	<p>The Committee shall include, at minimum, four ECR Principal Investigators and two mid/senior Principal Investigators who have a passion and track record for promoting the interests of ECRs in the community. The constituents of the committee should be drawn from Canada’s five regions.</p> <p>The SCN Vice-President, Research and Training and Training Coordinator shall be non-voting members of the ECRC.</p> <p>One member shall serve as the Chair of the ECRC.</p>



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Appointments	<p>The Chair of the Committee and its members shall be appointed by SCN management. A call for applications of interest will be held on a regular basis.</p> <p>New members will be invited to join the committee based on the following: a demonstrated commitment to enhancing the visibility and opportunities for ECRs; familiarity with the SCN and its funding and training programs; disciplinary expertise relevant to the field of regenerative medicine. Additionally, SCN will consider regional representation and apply equity, diversity and inclusion principles for membership.</p>
Term	<p>Voting positions on the ECRC shall be held for a period of two years, with the option to renew for an additional year.</p>
Quorum	<p>A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.</p>
Meetings	<p>The ECRC will meet via videoconference, or in person at the call of the SCN management at least twice per year.</p>
Administration	<p>Meeting support, including preparation and circulation of agendas, minutes and background information, will be provided by SCN management in consultation with the Committee Chair.</p>