



Position Description

Role	Australian Cardiovascular Alliance Disease Mechanisms Flagship Advisory Group – Member
<p>This honorary appointment will work alongside the Disease Mechanisms Flagship Directors to provide specific expert advice and technical knowledge to clearly map existing strengths/barriers and to identify key research priorities relevant to expanding funding opportunities.</p> <p>The Group will work to develop national collaborative opportunities, and improved engagement with key stakeholders. Key priorities will be communicated to the ACvA Board, and through to relevant funding bodies and jurisdictions (e.g. Mission for Cardiovascular Health, Heart Foundation, NHMRC).</p>	

Background

The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) is a collaboration of our highest quality cardiovascular research bodies and scientific societies, individual researchers, industry and NGOs, aiming to increase the visibility of cardiovascular disease as a national health priority in the Australian community and in government.

ACvA believes the time is ripe for a new vision, new thinking and new strategies to solve cardiovascular disease and proposes investment in a whole-of-nation approach that addresses current gaps in the translational pipeline to maximise our impact. We share a vision for Australia to be a globally recognised leader for delivering cardiovascular health outcomes through high impact multidisciplinary and collaborative research, with deep linkages to national and international health systems, strong collaborations with industry and translation through policy and commercialisation.

Purpose of the role

To provide expert advice, technical knowledge and recommendations at all phases of the Flagship's set up, implementation and translation. This may include but is not limited to:

- To advise on projects relevant to the Flagship
- To provide advice on how best to engage other relevant stakeholders
- To provide advice on how best to evaluate the success of the Flagship
- To identify potential barriers to success and provide strategies to counter this
- Provide ad-hoc advice on specific technical and policy issues when requested by the ACvA Board and/or the ACvA Scientific Advisory Board
- To strengthen and promote collaboration between ACvA and relevant international and national agencies

ACvA Governance

The Advisory Group is a standing group of the ACvA, under the leadership of the ACvA Board and the ACvA Scientific Advisory Board.

Composition of the Disease Mechanisms Flagship Advisory Group

The Disease Mechanisms Flagship Advisory Group will be composed of individuals with expertise in cardiovascular disease research areas, including stroke. Co-Directors of this Flagship will be selected from the Advisory Group and rotated annually. The Flagship Advisory Group will consist of 8 – 10 members.



The secretariat for this Group will be the Flagship project officer, or other nominated representative. Membership of the Disease Mechanisms Flagship Advisory Group will be multi-disciplinary and will include a consumer representative and an early career researcher representative. Other members may be as follows:

- Industry advisor
- Preclinical/biomedical researcher
- Clinician researcher – with Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTC) links and/or primary care engagement
- International Advisor

Each Group member is responsible for:

- Complying with the requirements for confidentiality, ACvA code of conduct and conflict of interest.
- Where appropriate, consulting with colleagues and relevant staff within their organisation or representative group to inform the advice given to the Group.
- When requested, providing feedback to colleagues and relevant staff within their organisation or representative group on meeting actions and outcomes.
- Providing a delegate/nominated representative at each meeting in their absence. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without providing delegate/nominated representative may lead to the cessation of the membership
- Actioning the allocated meeting task(s) and completing the tasks within the agreed timeframe
- All documents circulated to the Committee for comment will include a response deadline. Where no communication is received, it will be assumed there is no comment and the content within is agreed. Meeting papers and draft documents sent to Expert Advisory Group members are confidential and not for circulation outside the Group without explicit permission from the ACvA.

Skills and experience

Please also briefly describe what three priorities that you would like to see the Flagship achieve in the next three years and how your skills and experience can be applied to achieve your goals.

In your cover letter, please outline your response to each of the above (no more than 250 words for each).

Expectations

Membership is initially for one year (renewable).

The Group will meet at least every quarter (every three months). Meetings will be via video conference.

Applicants will be expected to self-nominate and submit an EoI, with two referees who are ACvA members. Directors and Board selection sub-committee will assess for suitability and experience. Referee checks will be conducted, and successful candidates advised of outcome.