

## **Member-led research working parties**

# Quick reference guide

## What is a member-led research working party?

Working parties are an integral part of the IFoA's strategy to deliver thought leadership activities which form the foundation of our profession and secure its long term sustainability. Member-led research furthers actuarial science and aims to provide members with cutting edge knowledge that is relevant to their working lives.

Research working parties link together members who have an interest in, and ability to contribute to an area of interest associated with actuarial science. The research topic may be associated with a particular practice area, or may be of cross practice interest.

Member-led research working parties are driven by members, for members and will typically report into a Practice Board or Committee.

#### Why participate - the benefits?

- Help shape the future of actuarial science
- Further your personal development
- Achieve recognition of being an expert in your chosen area
- Make a significant contribution to development in your chosen area
- Meet new people who have a common interest and share best practice
- Give something back to your profession
- Support the learning of your IFoA peers as well as potential CPD credits from participation.

## Who can participate - the membership?

Membership is open to all with a relevant expertise or interest in the subject matter and those who have the potential to input to the development of research.

All volunteer opportunities, including those for member-led research working parties, are advertised on the "Volunteer Vacancies" section of our website:- <u>https://www.actuaries.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering-ifoa/volunteer-vacancies?volunteering\_category\_filter%5B%5D=4929&=Apply</u> - or sign up to the RSS feed for automatic updates on new opportunities as they arise.

#### The outputs

Most working parties produce a report and/or paper on the research topics which can potentially be presented at one of the IFoA's residential conferences, sessional research meeting or other research event. Reports will also be published in the "British Actuarial Journal", the "Annals of Actuarial Science", "The Actuary" magazine and on the IFoA website.

Current working parties can be found <u>https://www.actuaries.org.uk/practice-areas/general-insurance/research-working-parties</u>

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