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Health and Care Research Sub-committee - Member

The Institute and Faculty of Actuaries (IFoA) is seeking to appoint proactive and innovative volunteers, to join the Health and Care Research Sub-committee, ideally with expertise in health insurance, healthcare or related fields to help drive the development of actuarial practice in the Health and Care area.

“Task” and “Person” Specification:

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Candidates will:

- actively contribute to Research Sub-committee meetings and propose future guest speakers
- be responsible for keeping abreast of any IFoA-led research and to push forward more member-led Health and Care research
- provide feedback to Health and Care Board through the Chair of the Health and Care Research Sub-committee as required
- identify, promote and foster research opportunities
- provide guidance for member-led research working parties
- mentor and support the progress and needs of member-led working parties, taking responsibility for at least one working party
- provide contributions to the group responsible for developing the programme for the Health and Care Hot Topics event

Tenure

This appointment is for a three-year period.

Time commitment

Approximately four to five hours per month, which includes attendance at Research Sub-committee meetings. The committee may meet up to five times a year, typically via video conference call. Meetings will usually not exceed 90 minutes.

The members will also be expected to handle emails and any issues that arise in between meetings.

The member will be expected to ‘shadow’ working parties in one or more specific areas of Health and Care, which will require keeping in routine contact with working party chairs to ensure research is moving along and to offer support and assistance where necessary. They will also be asked to provide updates at committee meetings. The role also requires the shadow to lead on research and to have the technical skills to undertake detailed peer review of research output, including reviewing models on occasions.

“Person” Specification

The committee member will ideally:

- be a member and/or academic with either a history of academic research or demonstration of thought leadership on Health and Care

- be willing to gain and maintain a knowledge of existing and historical research that has been undertaken for the Health and Care practice area and be prepared to speak authoritatively on legacy issues if required
- have a broad understanding of Health and Care matters in the wider context of the profession
- have a collegiate approach and a desire to foster a sense of community amongst members of the sub-committee and to deliver a service that benefits members in the UK and internationally
- network on behalf of the IFoA to keep abreast of emerging issues, including horizon scanning and 'hot topics' of relevance to the practice area
- be proactive
- have participated in an IFoA working party in the past, either as Chair or as a member.

In addition, it would be helpful if the committee member also has:

- experience in, and an understanding of, the current and evolving Health and Care environment
- a growing network and profile in the practice area.

In return, the volunteers:

- will be able to influence and contribute to the practice area at a policy level
- will be provided with excellent professional support and assistance during their tenure on the committee
- will develop an effective network of contacts across the industry
- will, if asked to chair a working party and/or a workshop/plenary at a conference, be offered guidance and support as to best practice
- will have an opportunity for personal and professional lifelong learning, which could include the opportunity to gain CPD, if in accordance with the [CPD Scheme](#).

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