

Job Description FESSH Research Committee Term 2026–2029

FESSH invites interested and qualified members to apply for service on the Research Committee for the term 2026–2029. The Research Committee plays a central role in advancing high-quality hand surgery research across Europe by supporting investigators and research groups throughout the research process, from study design and grant preparation to implementation and publication.

About the Committee

The Research Committee of FESSH provides mentoring and scientific support for research projects in hand surgery. Its key objectives are to support the design of clinical and experimental studies, assist with FESSH grant applications, provide guidance in ethics committee submissions and animal testing applications where relevant, help set up and implement research projects, and contribute to medical writing, scientific editing, and publication processes. The committee's mentorship concept is designed to match applicants with well-established researchers in their field, with particular attention to supporting younger researchers and those working in environments with less developed research infrastructure.

Current Projects and Aims

The committee is actively engaged in the promotion of research through targeted grant programs and mentoring initiatives. Current FESSH research initiatives include the Basic Research Grant, which supports exploratory, translational, or developmental research in hand surgery, particularly in early conceptual stages and novel approaches and the Clinical research grant, focusing on clinical outcome questions. The committee also supports PROMs for Europe, an initiative aimed at enabling comparable patient-reported outcomes research across countries by supporting questionnaire translation and validation. In addition, the mentoring program is intended to strengthen research capacity and provide practical support for investigators preparing or conducting projects.

Responsibilities

Members of the Research Committee are expected to contribute actively to the strategic and operational work of the committee. Typical responsibilities include:

- Reviewing and discussing research proposals, grant applications, and mentoring requests.
- Contributing scientific expertise to the evaluation and development of research initiatives.

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- Supporting applicants in study design, methodology, ethics preparation, and publication planning.
- Helping to identify and connect suitable mentors and mentees.
- Participating in committee meetings, online discussions, and project-related working groups.
- Contributing to the development of new research initiatives aligned with FESSH priorities.

Members should be prepared to offer constructive scientific input, collaborate across national and institutional boundaries, and support the committee's mission to strengthen European hand surgery research.

Eligibility

Applicants must be current full members of their national hand society and be in good standing. The committee seeks motivated colleagues with a strong scientific profile, interest in collaborative research development, and a willingness to contribute time and expertise to the work of FESSH. Experience in clinical research, translational research, grant writing, academic mentoring, or outcomes research is especially valuable.

Application Requirements

Applicants interested in serving on the Research Committee for the term 2026–2029 should submit:

- A brief description of their scientific background and current research activities.
- A statement outlining their motivation for joining the committee.
- A description of the specific contributions they would plan to make to the committee's work.
- Relevant CV and publication record, if requested in the application process.

Applicants are encouraged to emphasize how their expertise can support the committee's mentoring, grant, and research-development activities, as well as how they can contribute to the broader aims of FESSH research in Europe.

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