

Position Description: Director Research



About CNSA

As the peak professional body for cancer nursing, the CNSA strives to promote excellence in cancer care through the professional contribution of cancer nurses. To achieve this mission, the CNSA acts as a resource to cancer nurses around Australia, no matter what their geographical location or area of practice. CNSA is the link between cancer nurses in Australia, the consumers of cancer nursing services, and other health professionals involved in cancer care.

Purpose

The Director of Research drives CNSA's research agenda to promote excellence in cancer nursing practice and improve outcomes for people affected by cancer. The Research Director assisted in the identification of priority areas for cancer nursing research, facilitates research initiatives, and ensures that CNSA's research activities align with the organisation's strategic aims and values.

Criteria

- The Director Research is a CNSA member with experience in cancer nursing research.
- Excellent critical thinking, strategic planning and problem-solving skills.
- Demonstrated high levels of communication, consultation, facilitation, and negotiating skills, including report writing and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated knowledge and ability to provide leadership; and
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team.

Key Responsibilities

- Provide leadership to the Board in the principles of research and development of strategy to address the identified priority areas.
- Collaborate to develop an annual work plan for the Research Standing Committee (RSC) to meet identified membership needs that align with the Strategic Plan, Vision and Mission of CNSA.
- Facilitate open and constructive communication relating to research to the Board of Directors.
- Accountable for the CNSA Research Grant policy and processes.
- Provide leadership and oversight to the RSC to develop and deliver resources and activities to support research activities.
- Contribute to the development of CNSA policies, procedures and guidelines.
- Participate in both formal and informal capacity on committees, groups, meetings, projects or forums as a representative of the Board as required.
- Contribute to Board reports, newsletter articles and the Annual Report as relevant to the role.
- Delivery of an annual report of research activities across the CNSA.
- Promote the cancer nursing image in all professional forums; and
- Other duties as delegated by the President.

Reporting Relationships

- The Director Research reports to the Board of Directors.
- The Director Research is an ex officio member of the CNSA Research Standing Committee; and
- The CNSA RSC reports to the Director of Research through the Chair.