

Volunteer Role Description

JDRF UK Scientific Advisory Council Non-Scientific Members

The Scientific Advisory Council consists of 15 members and includes non-scientific members with a personal connection to type 1, healthcare professionals and researchers in equal numbers.

We want a wide range of people with type 1 and their relatives to be represented on the Council, bringing their different perspectives and experiences so we would like the five non-scientific members to include at least:

- An adult diagnosed with type 1 as a child (before the age of 18),
- An adult diagnosed with type 1 as an adult (after the age of 18),
- Someone between the age of 18 and 25 with type 1,
- A person caring for a child with type 1.

What will I be doing?

The role of the Council is to:

- provide advice and critical opinion to JDRF to assure and guide JDRF's research decisions,
- advise on responses to relevant government policies,
- act as ambassadors and spokespeople to increase JDRF's profile, understand JDRF's wider strategic goals and support JDRF in working to attain them,
- review and award small grants received under JDRF UK-specific funding schemes.

How will this benefit me?

You will engage with a diverse range of individuals and develop your skills and networks by building upon JDRF's current work. You will also work closely with JDRF staff, and members of the type 1 research community and healthcare professionals – gaining swift access to cutting edge information about type 1 research and treatment.

When do you need me?

Members are expected to stay in post for a minimum of three years. The Council meets twice a year, once in person and once via video conference (Zoom, Meet). The Council may hold 4 hours of additional video conferences per year as and when necessary with other business conducted by email. Preparation related to these activities will average 1-2 hours reading per month through the year, although we expect some months will take more time, for example when preparing for grant awarding decision-making meetings, while others there will be very little activity at all. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday 5 May 2022.

How will this benefit JDRF?

This role helps us ensure that the research and public affairs strategies and policies are reviewed independently and that JDRF is aware of the views and priorities of people with a personal connection to type 1.

Where is this role based?

The in-person meetings will likely take place in London. Travel expenses will be covered in line with JDRF's travel policy. The other meetings will take place by video conference (Zoom, Meet).

What training will I receive?

We will arrange an induction with the Scientific Advisory Council Vice-Chair before the first meeting. We will discuss with you if any specific training would help you fulfil your role.

What skills and attributes do I need?

- A lay/non-scientific person who has been living with type 1 diabetes for a long time (20-30 years),
- An interest in research (but we don't expect you to be research expert in any shape or form),
- Familiarity with usual Office IT packages (MS Word, Excel, Email) is expected,
- A willingness to listen to different views with respect and encourage open debate,
- Confidence to share your opinions in a committee setting with mixed membership and potentially differing opinions,
- You must be willing to sign a confidentiality agreement and conflict of interest declaration.

We welcome members from all backgrounds, religions and gender identities as we aspire to have a council that reflects the diversity of the UK population. We will do our best to mitigate any barriers to joining the Scientific Advisory Council. Please contact us if in doubt.

What support is available to me?

You will be able to contact the Research Partnerships team for any questions. We will arrange an induction with the Scientific Advisory Council Vice-Chair before the first meeting. The role of the Vice-Chair includes ensuring Council members feel comfortable with the SAC and is an additional source of support.

Sounds great! How do I get involved?

If you're interested in applying, prepare your CV and a covering letter explaining how you believe your experience and knowledge is relevant to this role. In your covering letter, please let us know how your connection with type 1 fits with the types of experience set out above, so that we can, as far as possible, ensure JDRF will receive guidance from as many different perspectives of living with type 1 as possible. Email your CV and covering letter to Caroline Schmutz at researchcommunications@jdrf.org.uk. Once we receive these, those shortlisted for the role will be invited for a phone/Meet interview, which gives us the opportunity to ask you a couple of questions and gives you the opportunity to ask us questions too. We want to make sure that this is the right role for you and that you'll be happy providing this support to JDRF UK.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the role in more detail, please send an email to Caroline at the address above.

The deadline is **5pm on Monday 10 January 2022**.