



Position Description

Role	Australian Cardiovascular Alliance Advisory Group Member Strategic Flagships
<p>This honorary appointment will work alongside the Director(s) of each Flagship to provide specific expert advice and technical knowledge to clearly map existing strengths/barriers and to identify key research priorities relevant to expanding funding opportunities.</p> <p>The Group will work to develop national collaborative opportunities, and improved engagement with key stakeholders. Key priorities will be communicated to the ACvA Board, and through to relevant funding bodies and jurisdictions.</p>	

Background

The Australian Cardiovascular Alliance (ACvA) is a collaboration of our highest quality cardiovascular research bodies and scientific societies, individual researchers, industry and NGOs, aiming to increase the visibility of cardiovascular disease as a national health priority in the Australian community and in government. ACvA believes the time is ripe for a new vision, new thinking and new strategies to solve cardiovascular disease and proposes investment in a whole-of-nation approach that addresses current gaps in the translational pipeline to maximise our impact. We share a vision for Australia to be a globally recognised leader for delivering cardiovascular health outcomes through high impact multidisciplinary and collaborative research, with deep linkages to national and international health systems, strong collaborations with industry and translation through policy and commercialization.

The ACvA successfully advocated for strategic investment in Cardiovascular Research, with the Federal Government announcing the MRFF \$220 mill Mission for Cardiovascular Health in February 2019. However, this is only one opportunity. We are committed to building sustainable platforms for collaborative and translational research to benefit the health of all Australians.

The ACvA has established six Flagships spanning the translational pipeline and each Flagship is looking to establish Advisory Groups to provide specific expert advice and technical knowledge to clearly map existing strengths/barriers and to identify key research priorities relevant to expanding funding opportunities. The six Flagships are as follows:

1. Implementation and policy- *Delivering best CV care for all Australians, from prevention and primary care through to the interventional catheter laboratory and operating theatre*
2. Clinical Trials- *Including rigorous testing of Australian discoveries and devices, and drug repurposing, as well as innovations in delivery of care*
3. Big Data- *Leveraging emerging opportunities in data science applied to national coordinated cohort studies, registries and electronic medical records to open new frontiers*
4. Precision Medicine- *Embedding multi-omic platforms and computational bioinformatics with well-phenotyped clinical cohorts to discover new markers and mechanisms*
5. Drug Discovery- *Promoting targeted development of new therapies incorporating emerging biology*
6. Bioengineering- *accelerating the development and translation of devices, tissue engineering, and advanced CV imaging*



Purpose of the role

To provide expert advice, technical knowledge and recommendations at all phases of the Flagship's set up, implementation and translation. This may include but is not limited to:

- Advising on projects relevant to the Committee
- Providing advice on how best to engage other relevant stakeholders
- Providing advice on how best to evaluate the success of the Committee
- Identifying potential barriers to success and providing strategies to counter this
- Providing ad-hoc advice on specific technical and policy issues when requested by the ACvA Board and/or the ACvA Scientific Advisory Board
- Strengthening and promoting collaboration between the ACvA and relevant international and national agencies

ACvA Governance

The Advisory Group is a standing group of the ACvA, under the leadership of the ACvA Board and the ACvA Scientific Advisory Board.

Composition of the Flagship Advisory Group

Each of the six Flagship Advisory Group's will be comprised of individuals with expertise in the implementation of cardiovascular (and other diseases) research.

The Group will be chaired by the Director(s) of the Flagship. The secretariat for this Group will be the Flagship project officer, or other nominated representative. Membership of each of the six Flagship Advisory Group's will be multi-disciplinary and will include a consumer representative and an early career researcher representative. Other members may be as follows:

- Industry advisor
- Preclinical/biomedical researcher
- Clinician researcher – with Advanced Health Research and Translation Centres (AHRTC) links and/or primary care engagement
- International Advisor

Each Group member is responsible for:

- Complying with the requirements for confidentiality, ACvA code of conduct and conflict of interest.
- Where appropriate, consulting with colleagues and relevant staff within their organisation or representative group to inform the advice given to the Group.
- When requested, providing feedback to colleagues and relevant staff within their organisation or representative group on meeting actions and outcomes.
- Providing a delegate/nominated representative at each meeting in their absence. Failure to attend three consecutive meetings without providing delegate/nominated representative may lead to the cessation of the membership



- Actioning the allocated meeting task(s) and completing the tasks within the agreed timeframe
- All documents circulated to the Committee for comment will include a response deadline. Where no communication is received, it will be assumed there is no comment and the content within is agreed. Meeting papers and draft documents sent to Expert Advisory Group members are confidential and not for circulation outside the Group without explicit permission from the ACvA.

Skills and experience

Advisory Group members will have:

- Enthusiasm and dedication to raising awareness for CV research in Australia
- Appropriate academic training and relevant experience
- Proven scientific excellence and/or technical excellence in one or more of the abovementioned fields

In your cover letter, please outline your response to each of the above (no more than 350 words for each).

Expectations

Membership is initially for one year (renewable).

The Group will meet at least every quarter (every three months). Meetings will be via teleconference or face-to-face as required.

Applicants will be expected to self-nominate and submit an EoI, with two referees who are ACvA members. Directors and Board selection sub-committee will assess for suitability and experience.

Referee checks will be conducted, and successful candidates advised of outcome.

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