Call for Members: Research Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC)

About the Committee

The Research Policy Advisory Committee (RPAC) has been established to support the BNA in developing credible, evidence-informed, and actionable research policy positions that strengthen UK and international neuroscience.

The RPAC will provide strategic advice, horizon-scanning, and practical policy solutions important for British neuroscience - advising on priority topics, contributing to policy briefings, supporting external engagements, and identifying emerging opportunities and risks.

What the Role Involves

- Contributing expert knowledge to inform BNA policy positions, statements, and briefings.
- Providing input to consultations, parliamentary inquiries, and roundtables.
- Supporting the development of evidence syntheses, scoping notes, and pilot initiatives.
- Horizon-scanning for emerging risks and opportunities in neuroscience research policy.
- Attending 2 - 4 virtual meetings per year, with occasional ad-hoc engagements on time-sensitive issues.

Areas of Expertise We Are Seeking to Fill

The RPAC will comprise 5 - 8 members. We are particularly keen to build a committee that reflects a balanced range of expertise across the following areas:

- Neuroscience Research - active researchers across basic, translational, computational or clinical neuroscience.
- UK Policy, Regulation & Governance - experience in science policy, research regulation, or governance frameworks, including those who have worked with government bodies, research councils, or professional associations.
- Research Models- Knowledge of the rules, regulations and policies surrounding the use of animals in research.
- Industry & Translation - backgrounds in industry, biotech, or translational research, helping to bridge academic discovery with commercial development and real-world application.
- International Perspectives - experience of working across international research collaborations, global funding frameworks, or cross-border science policy relevant to neuroscience.

We actively encourage applications from researchers at all career stages, and welcome individuals who span more than one of the above areas. Membership reflects individual expertise, not organisational representation.

To apply please submit a short [expression of interest form](). Application deadline is 17 April 2026.