

The Role of the Research Policy Trustee

The Research Policy Trustee is a **Director and Trustee** of the British Neuroscience Association (BNA). The Research Policy Trustee is therefore listed with both Companies House and the Charity Commission.

The term of office is four years.

The Research Policy Trustee, as with all Trustees, is an unremunerated position. Reasonable travel expenses will be covered in line with BNA policies.

The Research Policy Trustee leads the British Neuroscience Association's (BNA) strategy and activity around research policy. They champion the BNA's aim to influence policy in ways that benefit neuroscience research and researchers, and ensure the BNA is actively engaging with key national and international policy developments.

The Trustee also chairs the BNA Research Policy Committee, guiding its work on topics such as funding, research culture, credibility, diversity, sustainability, and neuroscience's place in wider scientific policy.

Although all Trustees are jointly responsible for the governance, decision-making and strategic direction of the BNA, the Research Policy Trustee is expected to take the lead at Council level on:

- Shape and oversee the BNA's research policy agenda in line with organisational strategy.
- Provide high-level guidance on responses to policy changes, consultations, and sector developments.
- Lead proactive engagement with decision-makers, funders, and partner organisations.
- Leading the Research Policy Committee as Chair, and reporting its activities and recommendations to BNA Council
- Represent the BNA in policy and advocacy spaces, in collaboration with the CEO and President.
- Engage with relevant external stakeholders, including funders, government bodies, and partner societies.

The Research Policy Trustee must possess:

- A strong understanding of the UK research landscape and neuroscience sector.
- Experience in research policy, science advocacy, or academic leadership.
- Demonstrated commitment to improving research culture, equity, and credibility.

The Research Policy Trustee will work closely with the BNA executive team, particularly the Chief Executive, and collaborate with other Advisory Boards and relevant Trustees.

This role is elected by the BNA Membership and ratified by the BNA Council.

More information

For full details of all aspects of governance applying to Trustees, see the Articles and Rules of Association.

More information about being a Trustee can be found in Charity Commission publication, ['The Essential Trustee.'](#)