



The Role of Student and Early Career Representative

This role holder is a member of the BNA's National Advisory Committee ('the Committee'). The purpose of the BNA Committee is to represent different demographics and interests within the Association's membership, and to use their skills and experience to provide information and advice to the Council.

As with all posts on the BNA's Council and Committee, it is an unremunerated position. The term of office is four years, with the retirement date being that of the next Annual General Meeting to take place following the completion of four years in office. There is the option of standing for a second term. There must then be a break of at least one year before standing for election again, unless the individual is standing for one of the Trustee positions.

For full details of election, period of office, resignation and all aspects of governance applying to this role, see the Articles and Rules of Association.

The Student and Early Career Representative is expected to **take the lead at Committee level** on:

- **Representing** students and Early Career Researchers (ECRs) in the BNA Committee
- **Advising** the Council and Committee on student and ECR issues
- Working with the Research Policy Trustee to improve ways the BNA can **assist its members with career development**
- Being a **contact point between the ECR network and funders**, e.g. Wellcome or the MRC.
- Working with the Groups Co-ordinator to **recruit and support Local Group Student Representatives**
- Working with the Groups Co-ordinator to **mediate communications and engagement with the Local Group Student Representatives**.
- Having **oversight of 'Bright Brains'**, the student and ECR section within in the BNA Bulletin, and working with the Bright Brains editor to ensure it reflects the BNA student and ECR membership
- Help **identify and develop other ways in which ECRs in the BNA can benefit** from membership
- being the BNA office staff's **primary contact and representative for addressing any student or ECR concerns** raised by members and non-members
- **reporting on student and ECR related issues and activities to the Committee** at Committee meetings (two per year)
- **reporting on student and ECR related issues and activities to the members** via the Bulletin and other communication outlets

More information

All BNA Committee members should be familiar with the Association's Articles and Rules. See bna.org.uk/about/governance/#governing-documents.

The Student and Early Career Representative has to be an Undergraduate, Postgraduate or Early Career BNA member at the time of their election.