

## Awards Panel - Co-Chair

### Person Specification

The Co-Chair of the Awards Panel will be a well-respected expert based in the UK who has a clear understanding of the mission and values of Crohn's & Colitis UK. They are responsible for ensuring the panel follows the grant award processes and governance as agreed by the Research Strategy and Funding Committee (RSFC).

Your role will be to lead the review of grant applications submitted to us and participate in our Awards Panel meetings to discuss which applications should be recommended for funding to our RSFC. You may be asked to attend the RSFC to present and discuss the recommendations. Find out more about our [research funding process](#). You will also be required to review any annual and final reports and support the Crohn's & Colitis UK team to monitor and resolve any potential challenges in the delivery of the research we fund.

You will have strong leadership skills and will work with your Co-Chair to ensure the following:

- That every member of the Awards Panel is respected and has the opportunity to be heard.
- That all opinions, including of those people living with IBD, are valid and are considered and treated equally.
- That any significant diversity in opinion among the Panel members is fully explored, discussed and accurately reflected in the minutes.
- That members act in accordance with the Terms of Reference.
- That if there are applications of comparable scientific merit with equal scoring that cannot both be funded due to budget constraints, the Panel will refer back to the score provided by the Lived Experience Panel Members.

The Co-Chair of the Awards Panel will be expected to fulfil the following criteria:

- Commitment to the mission and values of Crohn's & Colitis UK and to ensure that research funded aligns closely with the Charity's research strategy.
- Significant research experience either through clinical practice (including the allied health professions) or in a university.
- Success in obtaining research grants/awards.
- Have a broad understanding of the IBD research landscape.
- Strong leadership and communication skills.
- An understanding of patient and public involvement in research.
- Be an advocate for the work of Crohn's & Colitis UK and the research it funds.
- A strong awareness of the grant funding and peer review process and associated governance.
- Willingness to devote the necessary time and effort.
- At least a five-year publication record.
- Experience in reviewing funding applications and/or research manuscripts.
- Previous experience in chairing groups or demonstrable chairing skills.
- Discretion in handling confidential information.

Members, including Co-Chairs, will have a term on the Awards Panel of 3 years. There will be the option to renew for a further 3 year term. Co-Chairs will be unable to apply for research grant funding from Crohn's & Colitis UK for the duration of their Term on the panel.