

RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2023-2024

- The membership on this committee will:
 - Rotate on an annual basis, with
 - Each regular member serving three years
 - The year the term ends is specified
- Any unexpected vacancies in terms will receive replacement appointments

Membership:

Dr. Amjad Javed, Chair
Dr. Ahu Topkara (elected-2026)
Dr. Ramzi About-Arraj (appointed-2023) Dr.
Hope Amm (elected-2024)

Dr. Quamarul Hassan (appointed- 2024)
Dr. Kyounga "Cecelia" Cheon (appointed-
2025) Dr. Joana Cunha-Cruz (elected-2025)
Dr. Nate Lawson (ex officio)

Charges:

1. Review the resources available to the School of Dentistry for research purposes and make recommendations to the Dean regarding their equitable distribution and need for additional or changed resources.
2. Review University-wide Interdisciplinary Center applications that request School of Dentistry support and make recommendations to the Dean.
3. Review applications for pilot projects or interim support for established investigators and recommend sources for funding.
4. Organize, along with the Associate Dean for Research, an annual Scholars' Symposium program.
5. Review applications for research fellowships/scholarships/travel awards which may be available to students in the School of Dentistry programs, including summer student fellowships and graduate school fellowships, and make recommendations for their award.
6. Recommend to the Dean policies and procedures which will foster the research capabilities and productivity of clinical dental faculty.
7. Serve as liaison between individual faculty and established research groups within the School and on campus in order to optimize the exposure of young and developing faculty members to meaningful research opportunities within the institution. This may include interacting with the Dental Faculty Status Committee to facilitate the academic development of an individual faculty member on an as needed basis.
8. Oversee predoctoral Honors Program
 - a. Set criteria for eligibility for Honors Program
 - b. Select students for participation
 - c. link students with mentors
 - d. Monitor each honor's student's progress
 - e. Certify successful completion of programs
9. As a standing committee of the SOD, additional charges include:
 - Meet regularly
 - Develop and follow an agenda for each meeting
 - Produce meeting minutes
 - Submit an annual report of committee activities in accordance with established guidelines