

Chair Research Committee - Role Description

Role objective

The Chair of the Research Committee leads UEG's strategic efforts to advance digestive health research across Europe by fostering innovation, supporting funding access, and promoting collaborations. Aligned with UEG's Strategic Plan, the Chair works closely with the Research Committee and the Council to shape and implement a forward-looking research agenda that maximises UEG's impact in the European research landscape. The Chair of the Research Committee is member of UEG Council. All Council Members are expected to actively support the Society's goals and mission.

Competencies and Expertise

Purpose orientation	Demonstrates commitment to advancing digestive health through high-quality research. Understands the importance of EU research policy in driving medical innovation and public health improvements.
Strategic thinking	Aligns the Research Committee's goals with UEG's strategic direction, supporting long-term positioning of UEG in European research and innovation.
Professional expertise	Commands broad experience in gastroenterology and digestive health research and is not retired from clinical and professional activities. Actively engaged in the field, with knowledge of EU research frameworks such as Horizon Europe, funding mechanisms, and policy translation. Leadership experience in a medical society is an asset.
Partnership building	Fosters collaboration by aligning interests across UEG members, committees, the UEG community, and external partners like EU institutions, research consortia, and academic bodies. Coordinates advocacy efforts with the Public Affairs Group to promote digestive health research in European policy and funding agendas (e.g. Horizon Europe, BioMed Alliance).
Judgement & decision making	Promotes open, ethical decision-making aligned with UEG governance and values, putting best practice and multidisciplinary collaboration above individual specialty interests. Prioritises initiatives that deliver long-term value for the UEG research community.
Achieving results	Leads the Research Committee and develops annual work plans in collaboration with UEG Headquarter. Accepts functional responsibilities, evaluates achievements and presents outcomes to the Council. Oversees UEG's research support programmes (Startup Grant, Research Prize, Research Fellowship), ensuring transparency and impact.
Team work & supervision	Consults and liaises with the Council who defines the operational framework and scope. Works closely with the Headquarters and facilitates committee meetings, encouraging active engagement from all members. Commits sufficient time and travel to fulfill volunteer duties and represent UEG
Communication	Encourages open communication and builds consensus. Uses tact and diplomacy and communicates well across organizational and cultural boundaries. Fluent in business English to fulfill tasks.

Requirements

- be a UEG Associate, resides in a country represented by a UEG National Member Society
- MD or PhD in the field of Digestive Health
- After election, no concurrent leadership role in a UEG Member Society, or position in a UEG board or committee

Term of office

- January 1, 2026, – December 31, 2029

Application process

- Candidates must be nominated with a supporting letter by any UEG Member Society
- Candidates must provide an A4 mission statement
- Deadline for nominations: September 1, 2025