

Research Committee Membership

Research Committee Membership (August 2026)

- Total Positions: **19**
- Filled Positions: **19**
- Vacancies: 0

Membership Category	Number Required	Filled	Vacant
Ex Officio Members (including Chair)	7	7	0
Deputy Chair (Appointed)	1	1	0
Academic Board Representatives	3	3	0
Academic Staff Representative	5	5	0
Student Representatives	3	3	0
Total	19	19	0

Current vacancies:

- All Research Committee positions are occupied

Note: Professor Polly Burey appears twice in the register because she holds both the appointed Deputy Chair position and one of the elected Academic Board representative positions

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Ex Officio Members

Position	Member	Membership Type	Term Ends
Chair , Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research, Development and Commercialisation)	Professor Robert Sang	Ex Officio	Ongoing
Dean (First Nations Education and Research)	Associate Professor John Davis	Ex Officio	Ongoing
Dean (Graduate Research School)	Professor Charlotte Brownlow	Ex Officio	Ongoing
Director (Office of Research)	Dr Samantha Rose	Ex Officio	Ongoing
Director (Commercialisation and Partnerships)	Dr Gudrun Seynsche	Ex Officio	Ongoing
University Librarian and Director (Library Services)	Carmel O'Sullivan	Ex Officio	Ongoing
Nominee from University Research Centre Directors or Institute Executive Directors	Professor Bernadette McCabe	Ex Officio	Ongoing

Appointed and Academic Board Representatives

Position	Member	Membership Type	Term Ends
Deputy Chair	Professor Polly Burey	Appointed	July 2027
Academic Board Representative	Professor Polly Burey	Elected	July 2027
Academic Board Representative	Associate Professor Alison McCarthy	Elected	July 2027
Academic Board Representative	Dr Anita Wheeldon	Elected	July 2027

Academic Staff Representatives

Position	Member	Membership Type	Term Ends
First Nations Academic Staff Representative	Dr Geoff Keating	Elected	30 June 2027
Early-Career Academic Representative	Dr Jenny Wang	Elected	30 June 2027
Mid-Career Academic Representative	Professor Min Hong	Elected	30 June 2027
Professoriate Representative	Associate Professor Simon Murphy	Elected	30 June 2027
Academic Staff Representative	Dr Ahmad Sharifian-Barforoush	Elected	30 June 2027

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Student Representatives

Position	Member	Membership Type	Term Ends
Higher Degree by Research Student Representative	Sana Bashir	Elected	31 March 2027
Higher Degree by Research Student Representative	Muhammad Umair	Elected	31 March 2027
Undergraduate Student Representative	Taylor Mehaffey	Elected	31 March 2027