



training a new generation of researchers
in gastroenterology and liver

former une nouvelle génération de
chercheurs en gastro-entérologie et foie

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Advisory Committee



Guiding Principles

All of TRIANGLE's work is guided by these principles:

- Grounded in justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion best practices.
- National representation
- Interdisciplinarity
- Awardee representation and leadership
- Patient and family engagement
- Embracing Indigenous ways of knowing, doing, and promoting health and well being
- Representation across the four CIHR pillars of research and the GI and liver research communities

1 Purpose

The Advisory Committee supports the TRIANGLE program, which aims to help awardees:

- Make significant contributions to advancing knowledge about the role of the gut and/or liver in health and disease.
- Gain proficiency in a range of cutting-edge research methods and scientific inquiry techniques.
- Receive comprehensive, value-added training that equips them with transferable professional skills necessary to succeed in diverse gastroenterology and hepatology careers, such as in academia, medicine, communications, industry, policy, and management.
- Build an inclusive, diverse, and engaged TRIANGLE community that promotes the success of awardees, offering support, mentorship, access to research and professional networks, and opportunities for community building.

The Advisory Committee plays a key role in driving the ongoing improvement of the TRIANGLE program and ensuring its success by:

- Helping to shape TRIANGLE's future direction by ensuring that the program's mission and goals align with the evolving needs of the gastroenterology and hepatology research and training community.
- Offering expert advice on the program's structure, policies, processes, and practices.
- Sharing innovative ideas, research, and best practices drawn from the Advisory Committee members' diverse professional backgrounds and organizations.
- Identifying opportunities for program enhancement and growth.

2 Membership

The Advisory Committee shall consist of, at minimum, 4 members. Members should include the following, and one person may fill more than one of these roles simultaneously:



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- Faculty with expertise in medical and/or research education
- Faculty who are leading, or have led, researcher development programs at the organizational, provincial/state, and/or national level
- Industry, business, government, and/or non-profit professionals with graduate-level training in GI or liver research
- An EDI champion
- A diversity of lived experiences, which may include but is not limited to:
 - Race and/or ethnicity (with a particular emphasis on including Black and Indigenous TRIANGLE members on the committee)
 - Sex, gender, and/or orientation
 - Disability
 - Socioeconomic status
 - First generation student status
 - Career and/or training stage
 - Age
 - Geography
- Representation across:
 - GI and liver
 - Clinicians and scientists
 - Fundamental and clinical research

3 Length of Tenure

Appointed members of the committee will serve a two (2) year term. All members will be eligible for reappointment for the term immediately following their tenure.

Membership Approval: The TRIANGLE co-leads will appoint members of the Advisory Committee with the input of the Steering Committee. The TRIANGLE Steering Committee will review committee composition annually to ensure that they meet, as much as possible, the membership guidelines above.

As TRIANGLE is a volunteer network, there are no honoraria or stipends associated with this position. TRIANGLE will however reimburse any travel expenses for TRIANGLE events.

4 Function of the Committee

The advisory Committee will

- Help shape TRIANGLE's future direction by ensuring that the program's mission and goals align with the evolving needs of the gastroenterology and hepatology research and training community.
- Review and advise on TRIANGLE's activities, structure, policies, processes, events, and practices.
- Sharing innovative ideas, research, and best practices drawn from the Advisory Committee members' diverse professional backgrounds and organizations.



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- Identifying opportunities for program enhancement and growth.
- Act a resource and champion for TRIANGLE committees as they are developing and evaluating their programs
- Attend the Annual Summit each year, at which members of the committee will attend and assess TRIANGLE events and participate in the TRIANGLE Annual General Meeting
- Ensure that their information remains updated on the listing of all TRIANGLE committees and their members

5 Meetings

The following meetings shall take place on an annual basis.

- In-person meeting at the TRIANGLE Annual Summit (February/March)
- Ad hoc meetings as needed

6 Process for Amendment

An amendment to this document requires a notice of motion by the TRIANGLE Steering Committee. The amendment will be voted on and will require support from the majority of members in attendance.