

RCOT Research Foundation Advisory Group – public contributors role – comms pack

Thank you for your interest in spreading the news about our Research Foundation Advisory Group’s two public contributor roles.

Whether you’re an occupational therapist or part of a public-facing organisation, you are connected to those who with experience of accessing occupational therapy and an interest in research.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for **two members of the public** to add their experiences and understanding to our Research Foundation Advisory Group.

They will have:

- accessed occupational therapy services or
 - cared for someone who has accessed OT services
- ... and have an interest in research.

By welcoming in those with personal experience of accessing OT, we ensure the research we fund benefits the lives of those who need our profession.

What does the role entail?

They would need to attend one meeting a year for three years (virtually is fine) and do some reading beforehand.

We will support them in the role, compensate them £150 a year for their time, and pay reasonable expenses.

How can you help?

Share these details with those you work with – and encourage them to apply.

You can download the role description [here](#).

We’ve put together some suggested content for you to use in newsletters, emails or social media platforms. Please copy, paste and edit them for your needs and audiences.

Who are we?

We’re RCOT, the Royal College of Occupational Therapists. We’ve championed the profession and the people behind it for over 90 years; and today, we are thriving with over 36,000 members. Then and now, we’re here to help achieve life-changing breakthroughs for our members, for the people they support and for society as a whole.

Our Research Foundation Grants

Our Research Foundation Grants are a collection of up to five awards totalling up to £140,000 – all to develop the future of occupational therapy, support OT researchers and develop research

leaders.

Applications for the grants themselves are open now so visit rcot.co.uk/research-foundation-grants-2024 to find out more.

You can reach out to our Research and Development Officer, Angie Thompson, via angie.thompson@rcot.co.uk or 020 3141 4615 if you have any further questions.

Social media sample posts

You can copy and paste the below options into your preferred social platforms or like and repost what we share on our platforms.

You can also tweak to add your own experiences or thoughts or tag relevant people.

Be sure to tag us:

X (formerly Twitter) – [@theRCOT](https://twitter.com/theRCOT)

Facebook – [@thercot](https://www.facebook.com/thercot)

Instagram – [@the.rcot](https://www.instagram.com/the.rcot)

LinkedIn – [@royal college of occupational therapists](https://www.linkedin.com/company/royal-college-of-occupational-therapists)

Use #RCOTPublicContributor

Graphics

We have created some graphics for you to use. You may choose to use several in one post or your own photography. You can download them via [this link](#).

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Simply copy and paste these posts and tweet from your account – or you can tweak to add your own experiences or thoughts or tag relevant people.

You can also add one of the graphics from this resource pack or use your own photos.

Post 1

Help @theRCOT choose which research projects to support in 2024. They're looking for two members of the public to identify what would be most beneficial for people who use #OccupationalTherapy. Find out more: rcot.co.uk/rpc24
#RCOTPublicContributor

Post 2

Have you used #OccupationalTherapy services, or cared someone who has? Do you have an interest in #research? @theRCOT is looking for two members of the public to join their Research Foundation Advisory Group – find out more: rcot.co.uk/rpc24
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Facebook and LinkedIn

Simply copy and paste the below and post from your account – or you can tweak to add your own experiences or thoughts or tag relevant people.

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Post

Have you accessed occupational therapy services? Or cared for someone who has – maybe a partner or close family member?

Are you interested in research?

The Royal College of Occupational Therapists is looking for two members of the public to join their Research Foundation Advisory Group, to help make sure that the research it funds has benefits to

the public.

You would:

- come along to one meeting a year – you can take part by video or in person
- review grant applications in advance
- use your lived experience of occupational therapy to help us choose which grant applications should receive funding
- be compensated for your time and expenses.

Find out more: rcot.co.uk/rpc24
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Instagram

Use one of the graphics in our resource pack – or use a photo of your own – and add the below caption, or you can tweak to add in your own experience, thoughts, hashtags, or tag relevant people.

Caption

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#RCOTPublicContributor #OccupationalTherapy #PublicContributor

Newsletter Text

If your company, charity, or business sends a regular newsletter, update, or e-shot to members of the public who might be interested in this opportunity, you can use the copy below, or amend it to fit your newsletter as appropriate.

Short copy

Have you accessed occupational therapy services? Interested in research?

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You would use your experience of occupational therapy to review grant applications annually, to make sure the research they fund benefits the public.

You'll be compensated for your time.

Find out more at: rcot.co.uk/research-public-contributor-2024

Long copy

Have you accessed occupational therapy services or know someone who has? Interested in research?

The Royal College of Occupational Therapists (RCOT) is looking for members of the public to join their Research Foundation Advisory Group.

You would use your experience of occupational therapy – whether it's you who accessed it, a close family member or friend, or someone you cared for – to review grant applications once a year.

Your insight will make sure the research RCOT funds benefits the public.

You'll need to attend one meeting a year for three years (virtually is fine) and do some reading beforehand.

They will support you in the role, compensate you £150 a year for your time, and pay reasonable expenses.

Find out more and apply at: rcot.co.uk/research-public-contributor-2024