



FREE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Term Start: June 2025 (will serve as chair-elect beginning November 2024)

Term: Two (2) year term, starting and ending in June, once renewable

Eligibility Requirements:

Required

- Terminal degree
- ATC, BOC, NPI number
- Member of NATA
- Accepted Free Communications abstract in the last 2-3 years.
- Evidence of publications in an area of expertise within the past 2-3 years
- Evidence of experience reviewing abstract submissions and/or serving on free communications committees

Preferred

- A current or past member of the Free Communications Committee
- Evidence of leadership and collaborative activities in diverse settings/environments

Additional Information to Consider:

- Typically, the selected chairperson will not serve concurrently on another NATA Foundation committee/program during their appointment as Research Chairperson.

Submission Process

Applicants must submit a curriculum vitae that includes evidence of the minimum and preferred, if applicable, requirements.

Applicants must submit a cover letter that: 1) identifies their area of expertise and experience as it pertains to reviewing abstracts and planning free communications / educational programming – please include if you have experience attending a variety of meetings, and 2) describes how their professional experiences have prepared them to serve as a collaborative and inclusive leader who can guide the Free Communications Committee to successfully carry-out its mission.

Applications must be submitted [ONLINE](#) by October 1.

ABOUT THE FREE COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Overview and Mission: The Foundation Research Committee administers the Foundation's Professional Grant, Student Grant, and Research Award programs. The Research Committee is responsible for soliciting, reviewing, and recommending to the BOD meritorious research proposals and individuals for Board consideration and approval of grant funding and research awards, respectively. The work of the Research Committee directly supports the Foundation's

vision of being “the leader in supporting innovative research and educational opportunities to advance health care and inform policy for the benefit of the physically active populations.”

Primary Goals and Objectives: The Research Committee through its programs: 1) identifies and recommends for funding innovative research aligned with priorities approved by the BOD that has the potential to impact clinical practice and inform policy decisions (Professional Grant Program); 2) develops future scholars in athletic training research (Student Grant Program); 3) recognizes excellence in athletic training research (Research Awards Program); 4) advances the discovery, dissemination, and application of scientific knowledge in athletic training domains; and 5) evaluates and demonstrates to internal and external stakeholders the impact of the Research Committee programs. Specific committee goals and objectives include:

1. Solicit, evaluate, and recommend to the BOD for funding research proposals aligned with BOD- approved research priorities and the Foundation strategic plan with potential to impact clinical practice and inform policy decisions.
 2. Promote the development of new and early career athletic training researchers through funded research programs.
 3. Recognize excellence in athletic training research through the awards program.
 4. Disseminate research to the athletic training community and public at large through public relations initiatives.
- Demonstrate the impact of the grant programs by monitoring and promoting research project outcomes and the