

WAMSS FOUNDATION

The WAMSS Foundation is an advisory body comprising of up to ten members, whose objective is to propose, research and draft feasible long-term plans for the operations of WAMSS. In 2019, the Foundation released the annual census, continued building on the WAMSS history project, implemented a new ongoing feedback and tracking strategy for the Committee, and continued to work on ways to increase associate member engagement in the society. In 2020, the Foundation will continue to implement and review the new committee feedback structures, once again release the census, and completely refresh the membership benefits available to WAMSS members.

Members will be able to serve a two-year term on Foundation with the option of reapplying. Members who graduate with time remaining will have the option of serving the remainder of their term after graduating.

ROLE DESCRIPTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Applicants must be a current postgraduate medical student in MD2 or above. Students taking a gap year during the course of their medical degree are eligible to apply.
2. Applicants may be members of the WAMSS Committee, but not members of the Executive.
3. All members will be expected to be available for a minimum of four meetings during the year and will be expected to complete tasks as designated by the Foundation Chair.
4. Members will work in collaboration with the Foundation Chair and other members of the Foundation Committee to ensure its objectives are carried out, these include:
 - a. Researching and drafting feasible long-term plans for the operation of the Association at the instruction of the WAMSS Committee or Executive
 - b. Acting as an advisory council for the Association

There are many projects to get involved in:

1. Census Analysis Project

Members working on the Census Analysis Project will design and conduct the annual WAMSS Census, as well as review past and current results for trend analysis. They will have the opportunity to report these results at the Annual General Meeting of the society.

2. Associate Outreach Project

Members working on the Associate Outreach Project will design a realistic and practical long-term strategy to encourage undergraduate interest and involvement in WAMSS events, assess current WAMSS events for accessibility to undergraduates and report recommendations for improvement at the Annual General Meeting of the society, in collaboration with the Undergraduate Communications Officer.

3. Return of Assets Project

Members working on this project will organise and facilitate the use of WAMSS surplus funds towards projects that will benefit all medical students, as voted by the committee at the beginning of the year. Tasks include investigating the costs of each project, determining their feasibility and finally, implementing them.

4. WAMSS Membership Benefits

Members working on the Membership Benefits project will work on reviewing and updating the membership benefits available to WAMSS members. This includes assessing the suitability of current benefits, as well as liaising with potential new membership partners, to develop an appealing and useful selection of benefits for WAMSS members.

Additionally, there is also opportunity for members to suggest their own projects to the Foundation Chair, that they can then work on over the year.

APPLICATIONS

Applicants must be a current postgraduate medical student in MD2 or above. To apply, please send a document of no longer than one (1) page to foundation.chair@wamss.org.au addressing the following:

1. Your name, year group in 2020, phone number and student email
2. Why would you like to be a part of the WAMSS Foundation? (200 words max)
3. What relevant experiences can you bring to the Foundation? (200 words max)
4. Please answer one (1) of the following three (3) questions (200 words max)
 - a. What do you enjoy most about campus life at university? How can WAMSS help its members experience this?
 - b. What is the most important consideration for the long-term viability of an organisation?
 - c. If you could change one thing about WAMSS, what would it be?

Applications close Sunday 23rd February 2020. No late applications will be accepted.

Any questions about the role, requirements, projects or applications can be directed to the 2020 WAMSS Foundation Chair, Erin Hassett at foundation.chair@wamss.org.au