

The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) is looking to recruit a member for its Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC). On this occasion, the person needs to be a lawyer who is not engaged to advise the institution.

Committee membership is defined as per Clause 5.1.30 of the National Statement of Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (updated May 2015). Each position will initially be for a period of 24 months commencing mid 2018. Meetings are convened quarterly either face-to-face at the ACO in Carlton or remotely via videoconference technology.

The mission of the ACO is to promote the visual health and well being of the communities we serve by leading the profession to build its knowledge base, attain and advance clinical skills and deliver the best possible optometric care. The functions of the HREC are to:

1. Inquire into, advise and recommend on ethical and legal implications, which arise in relation to optometry and vision science research activities.
2. Provide for monitoring of those research projects until completion so that the Committee can be satisfied that they continue to conform with approved ethical standards.
3. Report to the Council of the Australian College of Optometry.

The ACO does not remunerate members of its committees, but fully reimburses any expenses incurred in travelling to meetings.

### **Required qualifications:**

Candidates interested in applying for this role will be able to demonstrate the following skills and personal qualities:

1. A genuine interest in the organisation and its business.
2. The highest standards of integrity.
3. Curiosity and courage.
4. Good interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a collegial team.
5. A willingness to be an active participant.

### **Additional information:**

Applications or requests for further information should be sent to Tenille Ryan, ACO HREC Secretary at [tryan@aco.org.au](mailto:tryan@aco.org.au). To apply, please explain why you are interested and suitable to become a member of the Committee and attach your Curriculum Vitae.