

## **Eric Reid Committee Ordinary Member**

The Biochemical Society's Eric Reid Committee oversees the reviewing and awarding of grants for the Eric Reid Fund for Methodology, which is open once a year. This fund awards grants for consumables and an optional undergraduate summer stipend to support methodology research, with a preference for cellular or bioanalytical work.

The Committee currently meets once a year in May to agree on the awardees and future direction of the grant fund.

The Eric Reid Ordinary Member should have up-to-date knowledge of the techniques and innovations within biochemistry and allied fields through engagement in active research, networks or publications for example.

Eric Reid Committee members are also expected to represent and promote the Society's activities within their institution and external networks.

### **Committee Summary**

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## **1. Background**

The Fund was endowed by a Trust (Guildford Academic Associates) co-founded in 1981 by Dr Eric Reid, an Emeritus Member. The emphasis is on methodology, with a preference for cellular or bioanalytical work. The committee considers applications for the fund that are carefully compiled and scientifically convincing.

Examples of awards:

- Developing and applying a new technique
- Checking the application of a known technique in new circumstances
- Feasibility studies by new staff before they apply to a major award-granting body

## **2. Duties**

Duties are to oversee the reviewing of all applications received and to finalise the awarding decisions for the Eric Reid Fund for Methodology.

## **3. Membership**

This Committee currently has six (6) members (including the Chair), but we are looking to expand that with the addition of an Early Careers Representative role, to make a total of seven (7).

## **4. Meetings**

They meet in person once a year in May, with reviewing done via email from end of March.

## **5. Reporting**

They are a standalone committee, and do not feed into any of the other Society structures due to the restricted nature of the Fund.