

Research at JDRF

The JDRF Research Committee: Setting JDRF's Compass

- The Research Committee (RC) is a committee of the JDRF International Board of Directors (IBOD). It is the pivotal linchpin in the JDRF research program, providing the volunteer oversight required to ensure that JDRF funds research opportunities consistent with its goal to cure, treat, and prevent type 1 diabetes (T1D).
- There are 23 volunteer members of the RC. Half of the RC members must also be IBOD members to ensure that there is a governance link between the two bodies. RC members are chosen through a process established by the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board.
- The RC reviews and approves JDRF's long-term research strategy, its research priority areas, and the overall focus and direction of its research program.
- Once the IBOD approves the total amount of JDRF's annual research budget, the JDRF scientific team makes recommendations on how to allocate the budget across the portfolio. The RC has authority to approve or disapprove of these proposed allocations.
- Once it confirms that proper procedures for every funding opportunity were followed, the RC approves any research opportunity that will exceed \$500,000 over the life of the project. Such projects represent 80 percent of all the research dollars approved annually. Thus, in effect, the RC must approve the overwhelming majority of research spending.
- The RC also has authority to review and approve any proposed research expenditure that: a) falls outside the scope of the agreed-upon research strategy; b) involves human subjects (not including human tissue research); or c) involves an industry partnership with business terms that require additional review.
- The RC also annually evaluates the performance of the JDRF research program against specific established criteria to ensure the program is achieving its goals.
- The RC also has responsibility to review and approve material changes to any research project policies and procedures, or funding processes.