**Research and Innovation Grants Assessment Panel**

**Lay Member (Volunteer) - Application Form**

Thank you for applying to be a lay member (volunteer) on the ROS Research and Innovation Grants Assessment Panel (RIGAP). Completing this form helps us to find out a little more about you and will enable us to see whether your experience and interests are suitable for the role. Information that you are happy to provide in some/all of the boxes below can be in bullet points or as written text. If you require any assistance with completing the form or require a different format, please email research@theros.org.uk.

Thank you for your time and interest in this exciting role.

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| **Applicant Information**  |
| **Full name:**       |
| **Address:**       | **Tel:**       |
| **Postcode:**       | **E-mail address:**       |

If successful with your application, we will use your contact details to communicate with you in relation to your RIGAP role. This will include adding your details to our Volunteer Network News VNN) email/mailing list, sharing your details with relevant members of staff and adding your name to the charity’s website to show your participation on the RIGAP.

**Do you have access to a computer?**

The work undertaken by the RIGAP will often be co-ordinated electronically and therefore for this role access to a computer will be essential. Please tick here to indicate that you have access to a computer [ ]

**References**

References are required for all volunteers. References will only be taken up if you have not previously volunteered for the charity. Please supply the names and contact details of two referees below, ensuring that you have known them for at least two years, and they are not family members.

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| **Referee 1**  |
| **Full name:**       |
| **Address:**       | **E-mail address:**       |
| **Referee 2**  |
| **Full name:**       |
| **Address:**       | **E-mail address:**       |

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| **Please provide a personal statement expressing your experience of osteoporosis and any involvement or interest in any clinical or scientific research.** |
| Click here to add text |
| **How do you feel the ROS RIGAP would benefit from your experiences and expertise? (including e.g. previous volunteering experience)**  |
| Click here to add text |
| **Please give details of any other information you feel is relevant to this application.** |
| Click here to add text |
| **Please see below a lay summary for a ROS funded study:***Osteoporosis is diagnosed by a bone density (DXA) scan, which calculates how dense your bones are. Understanding your own DXA result is of critical importance in understanding your own risk of fracture and to inform decision making about medicines. However, patients and clinicians report uncertainty about the purpose of DXA scans, difficulty understanding results (described using ‘T scores’, ‘Z scores’ and terms such as osteopenia), and clinicians report difficulty in being able to explain results. This uncertainty may reduce the chance of someone being prescribed,or deciding to take medicines that could help reduce their risk of a broken bone. This research aims to understand what patients, GPs and other healthcare professionals (HCPs) think the purpose of DXA scans are, what their results mean to them, and how this affects their understanding and actions. We will do this by interviewing GPs and HCPs who refer patients for DXA and receive DXA results and patients who have recently had a DXA scan. We will use a group of osteoporosis experts, GPs and patients to use the results to create new resources to increase understanding. We will seek further funding to see if these improve treatment uptake.***Please give your comments on the study. The following questions provide example areas for you to consider but is not exhaustive:*** **Is the research question important to people affected by osteoporosis?**
* **Is the project lay summary clear and easy to understand?**
* **Does the project align to the ROS Breaking the Silence Strategy?**
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| Click here to add text |

**Declaration**

I confirm that I have read and understood the *RIGAP Terms of Reference and RIGAP Code of Conduct* and agree to abide by them if appointed. [ ]

I certify that the information I have provided is correct and that I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of the Royal Osteoporosis Society. [ ]

Signed:       Date:

**Please give us your permission to stay in touch**

If you’re an existing supporter or have accessed our services before, we will continue to communicate with you according to the preferences you’ve provided. If you’d like to change your preferences, please call 01761 471771 or e-mail info@theros.org.uk.

If you’re new to the charity, please complete the form below to let us know how you’d like to hear from us

**Your support is changing lives and we’d love to keep you informed. Please let us know how you’d like to hear from us by ticking all the boxes that apply.**

To hear about our latest news, awareness campaigns, fundraising appeals and events, and about how your support is making a difference, tick here: **Post** [ ]  **E-mail** [ ]

To be kept informed about local support group activities and information events for people with osteoporosis, tick here: **Post** [ ]  **E-mail** [ ]

Your data is safe with us. We will never sell or swap your details with other organisations and you can change your mind at any time.

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**Application Submission**

Please return the completed form to research@theros.org.uk

**Application Deadline:** **Monday 30 January 2023**