

2025-2026 Research Committee Charge

Purpose

The Research Committee is responsible for fostering basic, translational, and clinical cancer research through educational programs and the development, implementation, and awarding of research grants. The Committee will lead the process of awarding research funding by soliciting applications, implementing and adhering to award criteria, driving the review and selection process, and bringing forward a recommendation for awardee(s) to the Board.

Responsibilities

- Develop education, including webinars, and resources for the SSO membership regarding research in surgical oncology.
- Define parameters for each type of award: Eligibility requirements, award amount, terms for award criteria, application procedures and deliverables, and timeline for applications.
- Review research proposals/applications and evaluate the potential of proposed projects to impact the field of surgical oncology research. Select the final recommended awardee for all award types.
- Evaluate member research survey requests for approval, recommendation to the Executive Committee, and distribution to membership.
- Serve as volunteer reviewers for abstract submissions to SSO's live meetings.

Composition/Appointment

- Chair: 2 years
- Vice Chair: 2 years
- Up to 17 members: 2 years
- Board Liaison: 1 year

New members are appointed by the President-Elect during the Application for Engagement, taking a wide range of factors into account: diversity of gender, race, geographical location, program size, and skillset, among others.

Eligibility	Time Commitment	Staff Liaison (s)
• Current voting SSO members with dues paid for 2025. • Commit to allocating time to effectively participate. • Complete Application for Engagement.	• 2-4 virtual meetings per year). • Additional hours per month to complete committee responsibilities. • Attend the Joint Committee Conference held at the SSO annual meeting.	Pam Hayden: pamhayden@surgonc.org