

Radiography Research Development Network (RRDN) – Annual Report 24/25

Membership

The Radiography Research Development Network (RRDN) is currently co-chaired by Sharon Fernandez, Kyle Cox, and Danielle Fairweather. These founding members established the group with a shared vision to foster a supportive environment for radiographers interested in research. In the upcoming year, the co-chairs will actively engage in recruiting new members to expand the network's reach and impact.

Membership is open to all Qualified Diagnostic and Therapeutic Radiographers who are interested in developing their research skills, regardless of their current level of experience. There are no membership fees, and the network is committed to inclusivity and accessibility. Potential members may include, but are not limited to:

- Radiographers with a new or growing interest in research.
- Early-career researchers seeking to build their research profile.
- Radiographers considering or currently undertaking postgraduate study (e.g., MRes, PhD).
- Those interested in contributing to or initiating radiography research projects.

The RRDN offers a collaborative space for professional growth, learning, and the sharing of ideas related to radiographic research.

Meeting Business

A set of Terms of Reference has been developed to guide the mission and activities of the RRDN. These include:

1. **Resource Sharing:** Collate and disseminate educational materials relevant to radiography research.
2. **Peer Support:** Foster a collaborative and supportive environment for discussion and knowledge exchange.
3. **Research Funding Guidance:** Share information and advice on available funding streams and opportunities for research involvement.
4. **Application Support:** Provide guidance and support for the preparation of grant and research project applications.
5. **Peer Review:** Offer constructive peer feedback on research proposals, presentations, or ideas within a safe and respectful environment.

These aims are designed to promote active participation and mutual support among members, creating a culture that values continuous development and research engagement.

Education

While formal educational events have not yet commenced, the initiation of structured learning opportunities is a key priority for the RRDN. These events will be launched

following the successful recruitment of additional members. Planned activities include workshops, webinars, and informal discussion forums focusing on various aspects of radiography research.

Additional Activities

The co-chairs have authored a formal publication addressing the current landscape of research support for therapeutic radiographers. This work highlights the challenges and gaps in existing support mechanisms, and argues for the critical importance of enabling radiographers to pursue and contribute to research. The publication has received endorsement from the Society of Radiographers (SoR) and several senior academic and clinical colleagues. It is expected to be published in the near future and will serve as an important foundation for further advocacy and development within the profession.