



Research & Education Committee

Committee: Research & Education Committee

Chairperson: Board member

Basic Function: The Research & Education Committee is responsible for directing all research and technology transfer (defined as the direct application of research findings, different from general outreach and education programs, which are the responsibility of other TREE Fund committees) activities of the TREE Fund.

Members include: The Research Committee reports to the TREE Fund Board. It is composed of 9-15 regular members, including at least three Trustees, and 5-7 people with strong research skills and experience. At least one committee member represents the Canadian TREE Fund. Remaining members will be chosen to compliment the above members and assure that the interests and perspectives of all professional disciplines within arboriculture and urban forestry are represented. Committee members should have an interest in research and be able to evaluate the scientific merit of proposals.

Committee members are limited to two full consecutive three (3) year terms, except under special conditions as approved by the Board of Trustees. Members whose terms expire are eligible to serve on the Research Committee again after a three year hiatus. The Committee chair must be a TREE Fund Trustee appointed by the TREE Fund Board of Trustees. Non-trustee members of the committee must be current members of ISA or own or work for a TCIA-accredited company. Professional Affiliates of ISA may nominate candidates to represent their organization. The Research Committee Chair selects Research Committee members, with consultation from other committee members as appropriate.

- Responsibilities: The Research Committee's responsibilities include:
- Identifying research and technology areas of greatest need/interest/value to ISA and TCIA members, donors and the profession
 - Developing requests for proposals (RFP) for grant programs
 - Evaluating proposals submitted to the TREE Fund for scientific soundness and applicability to research priorities and the Mission of the TREE Fund
 - Recommending action to the Board
 - Oversight of records of active and completed projects funded by TREE Fund

Review Committees may be created by the Research Committee to oversee grant projects that require specialized knowledge and/or participation of grant partners (See directed and sponsored grants below). Review Committees must include at least one Trustee and one member of the Research Committee, and may include a representative of the sponsor and other partners (if any). Review Committees operate in a manner similar to the Research Committee to develop RFP's, select researchers, monitor progress and oversee the grant.