



Resident Expert Advisory Council (REACH) Guidelines

COMPOSITION

The committee is composed of seven post-graduate endodontic residents. An effort is made to select residents who represent a broad cross-section of the community with diversity in race, background, program type, institution, and talents. The Foundation President, President-elect, and select staff are also part of the REACH team.

TERMS OF SERVICE

Individuals are selected following the November 1 deadline. Once notified, terms begin at the upcoming AAE Annual Meeting and run through the next AAE Annual Meeting (following the same timeline as other Foundation and AAE Committees).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates may self-nominate. In addition to the [online application form](#), nominees must submit the following:

- Updated CV
- Written endorsement from the post-graduate endodontic program director – with recognition of and time allowance for meeting all responsibilities
- Professional letter of recommendation (from someone other than the program director)
- Personal statement

INTERVIEW/SELECTION PROCESS

The deadline for applications is November 1. Applicants must be in their first year of a two- or three-year program (nominated by November 1 of their first year). A selection committee, composed of the Foundation President, Foundation President-elect, the Foundation's New Practitioner Trustee, and the AAE's Resident and New Practitioner Committee Chair will review nominations and conduct brief, virtual interviews with candidates prior to selection. Candidates will be notified via email following the interview process regarding their nomination. Candidates selected will fill the positions of council members completing their terms at the end of the calendar year.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- First-year endodontic resident at a two- or three-year program that is accredited in the United States or Canada
- In good academic and ethical standing at their institution
- Demonstrated leadership
- Significant interest in organized dentistry and endodontics
- Ability to articulate goals
- Excellent communication skills and the ability to represent new AAE members
- Ability to work well with others
- Innovative thinker

ROLES

- Advisors: Serve in an advisory capacity to the Foundation's Board of Trustees
- Ambassadors: Share the Foundation's message with other endodontic residents

- Advocates: Support endodontic residents
- Volunteers: Demonstrate a spirit of service within the dental school and community

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend and participate in meetings set by the Foundation, including:
 - REACH meeting at APICES (The Foundation will handle your APICES registration and cover the cost of travel, a private hotel accommodation, and one night's per diem.)
 - REACH lunch at AAE annual meeting (meeting expenses are not covered)
 - Any additional conference calls, as scheduled
 - Complete projects as assigned by the Board of Trustees
- Other duties as assigned – social media content creation, e-newsletter content creation, represent the Foundation at meetings
- Respond to requests and complete projects in a timely manner
- Engage other residents in supporting Foundation activities
- Host or participate in events that promote awareness of the Foundation
- Place the appointment to REACH in high regard and effectively represent an endodontic program

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Represent your REACH colleagues at the Foundation's Board of Trustees meetings – two REACH members will be selected by Foundation leadership to attend the Annual (March in Chicago) and Interim (November at the site of the AAE's Insight Track) Board meetings as an observer
- Participate in the Foundation's international access to care program – members of the REACH committee receive first opportunity to participate in the program

GOALS

- Provide an education about the Foundation, what it does, what it stands for and what it does for the specialty
- Help the Foundation better understand what appeals to residents
- Create a leadership pipeline and opportunities for leadership development
- Provide a resident perspective to the Board of Trustees
- Discuss resident challenges
- Discover residents' expectations of the Foundation
- Develop visible ways to communicate with residents and encourage their participation in the Foundation and its programs
- Promote a culture of philanthropy and volunteerism among endodontic residents