**Research Committee member qualities and responsabilities**

1. **Being an RC member**

* RC members are art therapy researchers with varied backgrounds, varied areas of interest and varied research experience;
* RC members are active with realizing one or more aims of the RC;
* RC members share and support art therapists interested in research on a European level by:

1. Organizing and participating in an (inter)national art therapy research collaboration group and/ or
2. Organizing and participating in an (inter)national working group about a specific art therapy research related subject and/or
3. Organizing and participating as a researcher in (inter)national webinar(s) and / or SIG’s/ SIM’s
4. **Being a RC Steering board member/chair**

* The steering board has 3 or 4 members including a chair person;
* Steering board members and chair person are participating for a period of 4 years;
* After 4 years the steering group is open for change of persons. Steering group members and chair can stay for one more period of 4 years if the RC agrees
* The tasks of the steering board are:

1. preparing and chairing RC meetings
2. supporting the realization of RC aims and activities
3. **New applicants**

Request for information about the RC with the idea/wish to join the RC:

* The RC member replies to the new applicant in an email with a request to send a short description about the RC EFAT interest/ about the research topics the applicant is interested in;
* The RC member who received the request plans a date for an online meeting with RC members and new applicant;
* This RC member invites all RC members to meet the new applicant and shares the short description in this invitation, so RC members can see if they are interested;
* During the meeting the aims and activities of the RC are shared with the new applicant;
* The new applicant presents her/his research interest;
* At the end of the meeting applicant and RC members decide together if/ how to continue as an RC member.

1. **Looking for research advice or collaboration**

* EFAT’s RC is open for giving advice concerning research into art therapy. Please send an email to the general address, or to individual RC-members that do research in your area of interest.
* If you’re interested in international art therapy research collaboration: please send an email to the general address, or to individual RC-members that do research in your area of interest.
* If youre interested in international funding for your research and you like to commit your project to EFAT’s RC, please send an email to the general address, or to individual RC-members that do research in your area of interest.