



OPTiMA Scientific Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The OPTiMA Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) must be run per the requirements in the Participants Agreement as outlined below. This Committee will meet in person or via teleconference in a time slot that complies with OPTiMA's equity, diversity and inclusion policies, if practicable, given the time zone constraints of international members. Any travel and accommodation expenses associated with SAC meetings will be funded wholly or partially by OPTiMA.

The composition of the Committee is reviewed annually by the OPTiMA Executive Committee, and members may be retired or recruited according to perceived need.

1. Scientific Advisory Committee, as per the Participants Agreement

- (a) The Administering Organisation agrees to establish a Scientific Advisory Committee as soon as practicable after the Commencement Date, the initial members of which will be:
 - (i) one representative of each Other Eligible Organisation who is a Specified Personnel in respect of such Eligible Organisation
 - (ii) one representative of each International Partner Organisation who is a Specified Personnel in respect of such International Partner Organisation;
 - (iii) at least five eminent researchers with optimisation expertise as selected by the Training Centre Executive Committee; and
 - (iv) the Training Centre Director.
- (b) Each International Partner Organisation may appoint an alternate for the member appointed by it, to act for the member at any meeting the member cannot attend, and may remove or replace any member appointed by it by notice in writing to the Training Centre Director.
- (c) For the first Year of the Term, the chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee will be the Training Centre Director. Any subsequent chair shall be appointed by majority agreement at a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
- (d) The secretarial function of the Scientific Advisory Committee may be delegated to a nominated member or the Training Centre management.
- (e) The Scientific Advisory Committee must:
 - (i) provide specialist and independent guidance to the Training Centre Executive Committee and Industry Advisory Committee, including on the scientific merit of the ongoing activities of the Training Centre, and in particular to ensure the research component of the Activities are innovative and world-leading, and the international research training opportunities support the aims of the Training Centre;



- (ii) meet at least once per year, in person or by technological means, to formulate and provide its specialist input to The Training Centre Executive Committee through the Training Centre Director, or at such other intervals as may be agreed in writing by the Parties from time to time; and
- (iii) act in a manner based on transparency, accountability and responsibility.
- (f) Any member may call for an ad hoc meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee by written notice to the chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee.
- (g) The Scientific Advisory Committee does not have any authority or power to act for, or to create or assume any responsibility or obligation on behalf of, or to waive or modify the rights of, any Party. For the avoidance of doubt, the Scientific Advisory Committee does not have the power to alter any provision of this Agreement or any Project Agreement.

2. Standing items

- (a) New PhD proposals.
- (b) New opportunities and capability development.
- (c) Advice on substantive matters arising in the Centre that are brought to the attention of the SAC by the OPTIMA Executive Committee.

1) Membership Oct 2022 – Oct 2023

| Role | Name | Centre/University |
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| Centre Director, Chair | Kate Smith-Miles | OPTIMA-University of Melbourne |
| Centre Deputy Director | Peter Stuckey | OPTIMA-Monash University |
| Member | Sebastian Pokutta | ZIB |
| Member | Jose Fernando Oliveira | INESCTEC |
| Member | Joanna Batstone | Monash University |
| Member | Chris Beck | University of Toronto |
| Member | Anna Lena-Sachs | Lancaster University |
| Member | Jurgen Branke | University of Warwick |
| Member | Greet Vandenberghe | KU Leuven |
| Member | Barry O'Sullivan | University College Cork |
| Secretariat, Business Manager | Charlotte Hurry | OPTIMA |