



**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY NURSING ASSOCIATION
RESEARCH COMMITTEE
TERMS OF REFERENCE 2024-2025**

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Committee Duties and Responsibilities (per the IFNA Bylaws)

- Advance the conduct, dissemination, and use of family nursing research worldwide.
- Shall have the authority to create subcommittees to maximize committee impact.
- Shall enhance the research resources available to IFNA members through various Association communication tools
- Shall promote international research collaborations on projects of interest to members.
- Shall be in frequent communication with the Board of Directors, or its Board liaison, regarding on-going work of the committee.

Note: The Research Committee Goals and Action Plan are divided into four sections: Research Resources, Family Research Advancement, Research Communication & Collaboration, and Conference Planning.

Goals for 2024-2025

- RESEARCH RESOURCES
 - Expand Research Resources on Website based on identified member needs and new strategies to obtain assistance with this work.
- FAMILY RESEARCH ADVANCEMENT
 - Support member development in family nursing research.
 - Provide research-related programs for members, such as webinars, preconference workshops, and biannual member meeting presentations.
 - Coordinate and collaborate with the Board of Directors and Conference Planning, Communications, Education, and Practice Committees of IFNA in order to promote family nursing research within the membership and across other nursing organizations.
- RESEARCH COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION
 - Continue to facilitate international family nursing collaborative research through collaborative activities and growth of focused research clusters within the International Research Collaboration Subcommittee.
 - Disseminate family nursing research findings of studies conducted by members through the newsletter, Research Resources on the website, committee work, and collaboration on research projects and publications.
 - Develop mechanisms to promote involvement of doctoral students in IFNA through a mentorship program, presentations, publications, and research clusters.
- CONFERENCE PLANNING
 - Conduct activities for conference planning in collaboration with the Conference Planning Committee.
 - Provide leadership in the abstract review process and program development for the conference.



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Action Plan for 2024-2025

RESEARCH RESOURCES

- Continue to develop the online measurement resource database that will include family instruments, critiques of measures, cross cultural use, and online links to tool information.
- Develop an online database focusing on ethics in family nursing research.

FAMILY RESEARCH ADVANCEMENT

- Support the on-going work of the research clusters of the international research collaboration subcommittee related to identification of international family nursing topics, execution of the research process, data analysis, incorporation of policy, presentation preparation, and writing for publication. Active clusters include:
 - Acute care research cluster
 - Pediatric research cluster
 - Implementation/translation science research cluster
 - Policy cluster
- Conduct two or more webinars on research-related topics such as:
 - Abstract preparation.
 - Research mentoring.
 - Career cartography, policy in research, leadership in research, methodology in family nursing, marginalized populations.
- Support members in the development of family-focused publications.
- Begin development of a position statement on family nursing research.

RESEARCH COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION

- Create a mechanism to develop collaboration, consultation and mentoring for members, including students or emerging family research scholars, who are seeking short- or long-term guidance related to research issues.
- Continue to enhance communication related to research issues among members through the website newsletter, Family Nursing Research Resource tab on the website and short presentations at biannual member virtual meetings between conferences.

CONFERENCE PLANNING

- Collaborate with the IFNA Conference Planning Committee (CPC), primarily leading the abstract submission process for the IFNA Conference, coordinating the review process, organizing the program, and making appropriate modifications.
 - Participate in conference planning committee meetings
 - Review and refine the abstract rubric and evaluation criteria to capture the breadth of IFNA membership's work across clinical, education, policy, and research domains, while striving for excellence.
 - Continue the poster competition started at the 2017 conference and refined in 2019.
 - Refine review criteria to capture breadth of IFNA membership's work across clinical, education, policy, and research domains.
 - Include virtual and in-person poster awards as appropriate.
 - Consider awards for student first author presentations and/or publications.