



**INTERNATIONAL FAMILY NURSING ASSOCIATION  
RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
TERMS OF REFERENCE 2026-2027 (2 Years)**

**Chair/Co-Chairs**

- Natalie McAndrews | United States
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- Kim Mooney-Doyle | United States

**Committee Duties and Responsibilities (per the IFNA Bylaws)**

- Advocates for 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 2026-2027**

**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- Expand Research Resources on Website based on identified member needs.
- Develop new strategies to engage committee members in 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 to promote family nursing research within the membership of IFNA and across other nursing organizations.

**RESEARCH COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION**

- Continue to facilitate international family nursing research through collaborative activities and growth of focused research clusters.
- Disseminate findings of family nursing research studies conducted by IFNA members.
- Promote and expand involvement of students in IFNA.

**CONFERENCE PLANNING**

- Collaborate with the Conference Planning Committee to plan conferences.
- Provide leadership in the abstract review process and program development for the conference.

**Action Plan for 2026-2027**

**RESEARCH RESOURCES**

- Continue to develop the online measurement resource database, which will include family instruments, critiques of measures, cross cultural use of measures, and links to information

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on tools.

- Continue to discuss and develop additional online research resources.

#### **FAMILY RESEARCH ADVANCEMENT**

- Review current structure of and process for international research clusters and methodology working groups.
- Support the ongoing work of the research clusters of the international research collaboration subcommittee and ensure continued connection and communication between the research clusters and working groups and the larger research committee.
  - Active clusters
    - Acute care research cluster
    - Pediatric research cluster
    - Implementation/translation science research cluster
    - Policy cluster
    - Global definition of family nursing
  - Methodology working groups
    - Family nursing theories
    - Research processes
    - Research approach
- Conduct one or more webinars on research-related topics such as research mentoring, career cartography, policy in research, leadership in research, methodology in family nursing, and marginalized populations.
- Support members in the development of family-focused publications.
- Begin to develop a position statement on family nursing research.

#### **RESEARCH COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATION**

- Promote and support short- and long-term research collaborations, consultation, and mentoring among members.
- Disseminate findings of family research studies through IFNA emails, the IFNA website, and presentations at virtual biannual member meetings.
- Expand opportunities for students and emerging scholars to engage in research communication and collaboration.

#### **CONFERENCE PLANNING**

- Collaborate with the IFNA Conference Planning Committee to plan biannual conferences.
- One co-chair will participate in conference planning committee meetings to help develop and modify the conference program, as needed.
- Coordinate the abstract review process.
  - Update the abstract scoring rubric and evaluation criteria to ensure excellence and capture the breadth of IFNA members' work across clinical, education, policy, and research domains.
  - Delegate abstract review responsibilities to a diverse group of IFNA members with expertise in research, education, practice, and policy.
- Support the poster competition at future conferences by updating review criteria to capture the breadth of IFNA members' work across clinical, education, policy, and research domains.