



TITLE: Terms of Reference for the CANO/ACIO Doctoral Student Network

DEVELOPED: March 2013

Last Updated: March 15, 2019

ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

This network is a subcommittee of the CANO/ACIO Research Committee. As with all CANO/ACIO groups, the **Doctoral Student Network (DSN)** is ultimately accountable to the general membership, and reports to the Board of Directors through the DAL-Research.

PURPOSE:

- To share information and support in the development of research related to doctoral and post-doctoral studies in oncology nursing.
- To promote oncology nursing research development and capacity building.
- To provide a platform for oncology nursing doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows (PDF's) to build a community of practice as they develop expertise in research.
- To provide a platform for generating recommendations for CANO/ACIO to further develop research related nursing education and research projects.
- To use social networking toward expanding communication among doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows in oncology nursing across Canada and internationally.

MEMBERSHIP:

- CANO/ACIO members in good standing.
- Doctoral students and post-doctoral fellows who are currently enrolled at a university pursuing a PhD/PDF (or equivalent) in oncology nursing, or who are conducting an oncology nursing-related dissertation in another field or interdisciplinary studies.
- Both Canadian and international students who are CANO/ACIO members are welcomed.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

- The Chair will be appointed by the group for a 2-year term, or until the Chair graduates from a doctoral program or completes a post-doctoral fellowship (whichever comes first). Following the 2-year term, the individual will become Past-Chair of the DSN, if they continue to be a regular member of the DSN, and provide guidance to the incoming Chair.



- If there is no nomination to replace the Chair, the current Chair will have the possibility to renew the term should they agree to
- The Chair will report the activities of the group to the DAL-Research.

DSN Chair term:

Chair- Year 1	Chair- Year 2	Past-Chair
---------------	---------------	------------

- The Chair will represent the DSN on the CANO/ACIO Research Committee as the Research Committee Liaison. This will also be for a 2-year term, or until the individual graduates from a doctoral program, or completes a post-doctoral fellowship (whichever comes first).
- In order to foster succession planning, a Vice-Chair will become part of the DSN group. This position will be for a 1-year term, following which the individual will proceed to the Chair position of the DSN.

DSN Vice-Chair role term:

Vice-Chair	Chair – Yr 1	Chair- Yr 2
------------	--------------	-------------

- Other organizational roles will be created as needed and with consensus of the working group.
- Although there is no term limit for regular membership, members will no longer be eligible to participate on the DSN following completion of all doctoral or post-doctoral fellowship requirements.