

# Credibility Advisory Board

## Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference (ToR) are to describe the purpose, scope and authority of the advisory board. They do not constitute part of the formal governance of the BNA. Instead, they are intended as a tool to help guide the group's activities and help it to generate useful outcomes.

**Name:** BNA Credibility Advisory Board (CAB)

**Type:** Advisory group for the BNA

**Purpose and scope:** CAB's aim is to help guide and deliver the BNA's Credibility in Neuroscience campaign, aimed at making neuroscience research as robust, reliable, replicable, and reproducible as possible.

**Authority:** CAB advises the BNA on actions, activities, views, communications or positions that will help the Association in the delivery of its Credibility in Neuroscience campaign. CAB does not have decision-making powers on behalf of the BNA.

**Membership:** CAB is co-chaired by the BNA Trustee for Credibility in Neuroscience and the BNA Head of Policy and Campaigns – currently (May 2022) Mike Ashby and Joseph Clift respectively.

Other [members of CAB](#) have volunteered to be part of the group due to their interests in strengthening credibility in neuroscience.

CAB should represent a range of career stages, and at least one member of the group must be a postgraduate student or Early Career Member (as defined by the BNA eligibility criteria of Postgraduate membership and ECR membership respectively), in order to represent the views of this demographic.

CAB should also represent a range of research areas within neuroscience, with at least one member working within industry.

CAB's size is from eight to twelve individuals. Where possible, new members should be sought via an open call on the BNA website. Appointments are decided and total size is regulated by the group, with members expected to serve a term of four years.

**Accountability:** All CAB members must be familiar with the BNA's [Association policies](#), in particular the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion policy. All group members must agree to follow the BNA's 'Guidelines for individuals representing or acting on behalf of the BNA' and complete a Conflict of Interests form.

**Meeting arrangements:** Meetings will be held every three months, online. The group needs to have 25% of members present to be quorate.

**Reporting:** The co-chairs will report CAB's activities to the BNA Council.

**Review:** The ToR can be reviewed at any time, but at least every four years.