

BADER Consortium Affiliates

Role of the BADER Consortium Affiliate

A BADER Consortium Affiliate (BCA) is an expert in an area of orthopaedic rehabilitation care, research, technology, or administration who is permitted to engage the BADER Consortium in the identification, planning and execution of impactful orthopaedic rehabilitation scientific studies and investigations using BADER Consortium resources. In addition, BCAs may help to promote orthopaedic rehabilitation research at each Military Treatment Facility by mentoring emerging scientists. BCAs may also assist with sustaining the BADER Consortium by conducting externally funded and BADER Consortium affiliated projects. BCAs will have access to BADER Consortium information and communication resources and are encouraged to engage the BADER Consortium to establish lasting orthopaedic rehabilitation research partnerships.

Eligibility

- Engagement with the BADER Consortium as a BCA is available to scientists, clinicians and administrators.
- Citizenship: BCAs are not required to be U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents.
- BCAs must maintain good standing in the orthopaedic rehabilitation community.
- BCAs serve at the pleasure of the Consortium Director and the Grants Officer (GO).

The following individuals are not eligible to be BCAs:

- Members of the BADER Consortium External Advisory Committee (EAC)
- Members of the Government Steering Committee (GSC)

Once accepted as a BADER Consortium Affiliate (BCA) the BCA will qualify to:

- participate in the BADER Consortium research project program and qualify to receive BADER Consortium research support;
- receive services provided by the BADER Consortium Scientific Technical Cores;
- access BADER website secured materials and receive limited distribution program announcements.

Note: BCAs do not receive stipends, honoraria or any other remuneration for being a BCA.

Current Approval Authority

Director of the BADER Consortium with oversight provided by the CDMRP Grants Officer Representative and the GSC.

Termination

BCA assignments may be terminated in writing at any time by either party to the agreement. BCA status may not be transferred to other individuals.

Policy

Membership on the BADER Consortium Coordinating Committee (Director of the Consortium, Director of Clinical Research, Director of the Scientific Cores, Manager, Clinical Research Core, Director of the Administrative Core, and Coordinator of IT) constitutes BCA status. Non-grandfathered appointments to the BADER Consortium Coordinating Committee will be approved by the Director of the BADER Consortium with oversight provided by the GSC and GO.

Membership on the BADER Consortium Research Advisory Committee (RAC) constitutes BCA status. In the event that a member of the RAC materially participates in a BADER Consortium research project, that member will be recused from participation in any and all RAC matters until completion or termination of the BADER Consortium Research Project. Non-grandfathered appointments to the BADER Consortium RAC will be approved by the Director of the Consortium with oversight provided by the GSC and GO.

Medical Treatment Facility staff from NMCP, NMCSO, WRNMMC, and BAMC as identified prior to September 29, 2012 by MTF representatives are grandfathered as BCAs. Effective September 30, 2012 – all prospective BCAs must submit materials as described in this policy.

Directors of scientific and service cores, that provided a letter of support and/or collaboration for the BADER Consortium proposal, receive grandfather BCA status. Core leaders may petition to add BCAs from their organization/unit using the appointment process outlined in this policy.

Industrial and academic partners, that provided letter of support and/or collaboration for the BADER Consortium proposals, receive grandfathered BCA status. Lead industrial or academic partners may petition to add BCAs from their organization using the appointment process outlined in this policy.

BCA status is automatically awarded to members of an approved BADER Consortium research project team who were explicitly identified in the research project proposal. After starting a project, the principal investigator may petition to add BCAs using the appointment process outlined in this policy.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS

A multi-step, sponsored appointment process is used to award BADER Consortium Affiliate status.

- 1) A prospective applicant expresses interest in becoming a BCA by making initial contact with a BCA that they have a professional relationship or inquiring directly to the Consortium at BADER-Consortium@udel.edu. The identified BCA will serve as the application sponsor. Consult bader-c.org for list of current BCAs.
- 2) The prospective applicant completes the documents as outlined in the table below.
- 3) The prospective applicant prepares a letter of interest and describes how their research interests align with the Department of Defense Orthopaedic Rehabilitation Research Priority Areas (see bader-c.org for current list of priorities).

4) The applicant submits the completed BCA application to BADER-Consortium@udel.edu. The applications are received and recorded by the Director of the Administrative Core. Documents must adhere to the following naming conventions:

Type of Document	Document Name (.pdf or .doc)
Curriculum Vitae/Resume	LastName_CV
Letter of Nomination from current BCA	LastName_nomination
Letter from applicant	LastName_letter

Non-conforming or incomplete submissions will be screened upon submission and returned to the applicant without processing. Applicants will be notified within 48 hours that application materials were received.

5) The Director of the Administrative Core will prepare a routing slip and packet of BCA applications for submission to the BADER Consortium Committee for review and recommendation by majority vote. Applications are reviewed one time per month.

6) Following review by the BADER Consortium Committee, the applications packet will be routed to the Director of the BADER Consortium for approval.

7) Upon completing of the appointment packet routing process, the packet will be returned to the Director, Administrative Core for the processing of notification letters from the Consortium Director. Letters will include secure login information for the BADER Consortium web site.

8) The Director of the BADER Consortium will present a report containing new and terminated BCA appointments to the GSC and GO at each semi-annual GSC meeting.