

**ROTOS**  
Research in Occupational Therapy  
and Occupational Science Foundation



**Vision**

Improving European peoples' lives by having one strong voice on the benefits of occupational therapy and occupational science research.

**Mission**

Connecting occupational therapists and occupational science researchers across Europe to maximise the impact of their research.

**Call for a  
Chairperson to  
serve on the  
ROTOS Board**

**Start date: 1<sup>st</sup> November  
2024** (usual term of  
office 4 years)

**Deadline for applications:  
17.00 Central European  
Time (CET) 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

Please contact the current  
Chair or Vice-Chair for  
further information (contact  
details below). Applications  
will be considered by the  
ROTOS Foundation Board.  
Shortlisted applicants will be  
invited to an online interview  
with at least two members of  
the ROTOS Board.

We are seeking applications from people who are occupational therapists or occupational scientists to join the Board of the Research into Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science Foundation (ROTOS) in the role of Chair. People who are either experienced researchers and / or have experience with translating research into practice and / or evaluating the impact of research are welcomed to apply.

The Chair will work closely, and share leadership responsibilities, with the ROTOS Vice-Chair, Dr Margo Van Hartingsveldt, to ensure the smooth running of both meetings and business.

The ROTOS Chair also has responsibility to represent ROTOS on the Occupational Therapy Europe Foundation Board (along with the ROTOS Vice-Chair) which is an additional commitment of an online meeting approximately 8 times a year, with the possibility of a face-to-face meeting approximately once per year. Occupational Therapy Europe is a collaboration between occupational therapists in practice, education, and research to promote and develop the delivery of occupational therapy services in Europe. Further information can be found on their website here:

<https://www.oteurope.eu/>

All business is conducted in English, so a working knowledge of spoken and written English is necessary.

All members may be asked to represent ROTOS at meetings with other organisations, or to speak on behalf of ROTOS at conferences, events, and webinars.

The work of the ROTOS Foundation is overseen by a Board comprising up to 7 members. The Board mostly meets virtually (via Teams or Zoom) and meets around 10 times a year, with the annual meeting being held each June. In addition to a defined Board role, each Board member contributes to the delivery of the ROTOS strategy (2024-2026) and action plan.

The Research into Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science (ROTOS) Foundation <https://www.rotosfoundation.eu/> plans to grow the research connectivity amongst the European occupational therapy and occupational science community. In March 2020 ROTOS was registered as a charitable Foundation.

### **ROTOS' Strategy 2024-2026: Goals**

#### **1. Sustainability.**

ROTOS aims to build a sustainable Foundation to work towards its mission and vision.

#### **2. Connections.**

ROTOS aims to build a strong network of occupational therapy and occupational science researchers.

#### **3. Research Impact.**

ROTOS aims to empower occupational therapy and occupational science researchers build impact for people and society in their research.

#### **4. Use of voice.**

ROTOS aims to encourage occupational therapy and occupational science researchers to use their voice to speak out on the benefits of their research through evidence.

For further information or to organise an informal discussion regarding the role please contact: Alison Laver-Fawcett, Chair of ROTOS at: [alison.laver-fawcett@rotos.eu](mailto:alison.laver-fawcett@rotos.eu) or Margo Van Hartingsveldt (Vice Chair, and acting Treasurer)

[m.j.van.hartingsveldt@hva.nl](mailto:m.j.van.hartingsveldt@hva.nl)

There is an opportunity to have an induction or shadowing period with the current Chair who is due to step down from their role on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024.

**Application form to serve as the Chair of the ROTOS Foundation Board:**

Please complete your application in English:

I .....(please print your name)  
would like to serve as the fundraiser on the ROTOS Foundation Board.

I am interested to serve in this role because (maximum 300 words):

I will bring the following skills and expertise to the role (maximum 300 words):

Affiliation:

Address:

Contact details.

Mobile:

Email:

**Please attach a curriculum vitae (CV) to your application** and submit this form electronically via email to Prof. Alison Laver-Fawcett, Chair of ROTOS at: [alison.laver-fawcett@rotos.eu](mailto:alison.laver-fawcett@rotos.eu) and copying in [m.j.van.hartingsveldt@hva.nl](mailto:m.j.van.hartingsveldt@hva.nl)

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