

## Applying for ACTO Research Section Membership

We are very keen to engage with a conversation between researchers and therapists for the good of the online profession, both in the private, NHS and third sectors.

To this end the ACTO Research Network actively seeks researchers from all backgrounds, not just those who have a mental health training, so that this aim can be furthered.

If you can answer yes to all of the following, you are eligible to apply for **ACTO research membership** with the use of the title '**ACTO Research Member**'.

- Are you currently involved in at least one project related to working therapeutically online? This could include the development of apps, AI, VR, platforms, as well as the therapeutically aspects and research.
- Has your project been granted ethical approval by your organization? Or is it in the process of applying for this?

### Membership benefits

- ✓ Access to the Members' Area of the ACTO website
- ✓ Eligibility for our Members' forum
- ✓ Eligibility for all Research & Development working groups and networks that may develop

### Professional Conduct

**ACTO research members** are required to:

- Comply with the rules of their Professional body (if any).
- Accept and adhere to the ACTO Code of Ethics, which can be found here: <https://acto-org.uk/professional-conduct-code-ethics/>
- Accept the ACTO Terms and Conditions, especially those relating to research, and as itemised in the constitution. 24.1:

24.10.1 For those researchers who are not online therapists but you have an interest on research into any aspects of online therapists and its adjuncts. A Research Member is not required to have professional liability insurance. A Research Member is not required to be a member of a Professional membership organisation with an ethical framework and complaints procedure, although this would be encouraged.

24.10.2 Research Members will have access to the Online Library and Forums.

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- 24.10.3 Research Members may not use the ACTO list for asking for help with research by recruiting for samples or for professional advice without the Research Student Member submitting their proposal to the Standards and Ethics Director of ACTO for approval.  
Research Members may use the ACTO list for asking for professional help and advice with research. Research projects will only be considered once ethical approval has been granted within your academic organisation. There will be a limit of 10 acceptances per year to use ACTO Professional Members as samples (in addition to the 10 student research requests itemised in 24.9 above, so that ACTO members are not overwhelmed with requests. Subject to approval, this will be on a first come, first served basis. The ACTO New Year begins of 1<sup>st</sup> April. Anyone found abusing the list will be expelling from ACTO forthwith.
- 24.10.4 The fee for Research Members is £30.00 from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, and will be subject to a small rise each year. Research Members joining in the middle of the financial year will be charged pro rata. The Directors reserve the right to increase or reduce the fees as required.
- 24.10.5 A Research Member will be included in the ACTO Research Network listing. A Research Member is NOT eligible to go on the ACTO register of online therapists.
- 24.10.6 It is the responsibility of the Research Member to supply annual evidence of their status as a researcher with their membership renewal.
- 24.10.7 Research Members may not be Directors of the Company.

### **Documentary proof.**

Once you have completed this form please send it together with any attachments via <https://wettransfer.com/> to [members@acto-org.uk](mailto:members@acto-org.uk).

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