

ROTOS

Research in Occupational Therapy
and Occupational Science Foundation



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Science Foundation
(ROTOS) Board

Open Forum session

17th October 2024

Plan for the session



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- Introduction to ROTOS
- ROTOS' mission, vision and goals
- Friends of ROTOS
- ROTOS Research interest groups
- Group discussion and SWOT analysis
- Final comments and questions

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ROTOS Foundation Board

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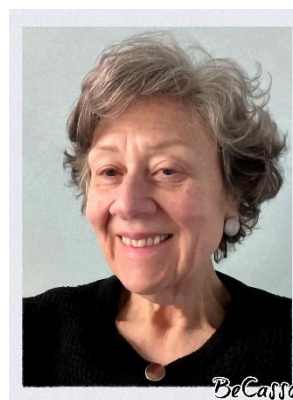
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Grant application

**Current
Board
vacancies**

The ROTOS Board members

- are appointed for an initial 4-year period
- can be extended for 2 more years

As a Foundation, the Board has up to 7 Board members.

In addition, The Board can co-opt members for particular projects
or who have specific expertise



Would you be interested to join the Board?



- Treasurer
- Secretary
- [CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS \(rotosfoundation.eu\)](http://rotosfoundation.eu)

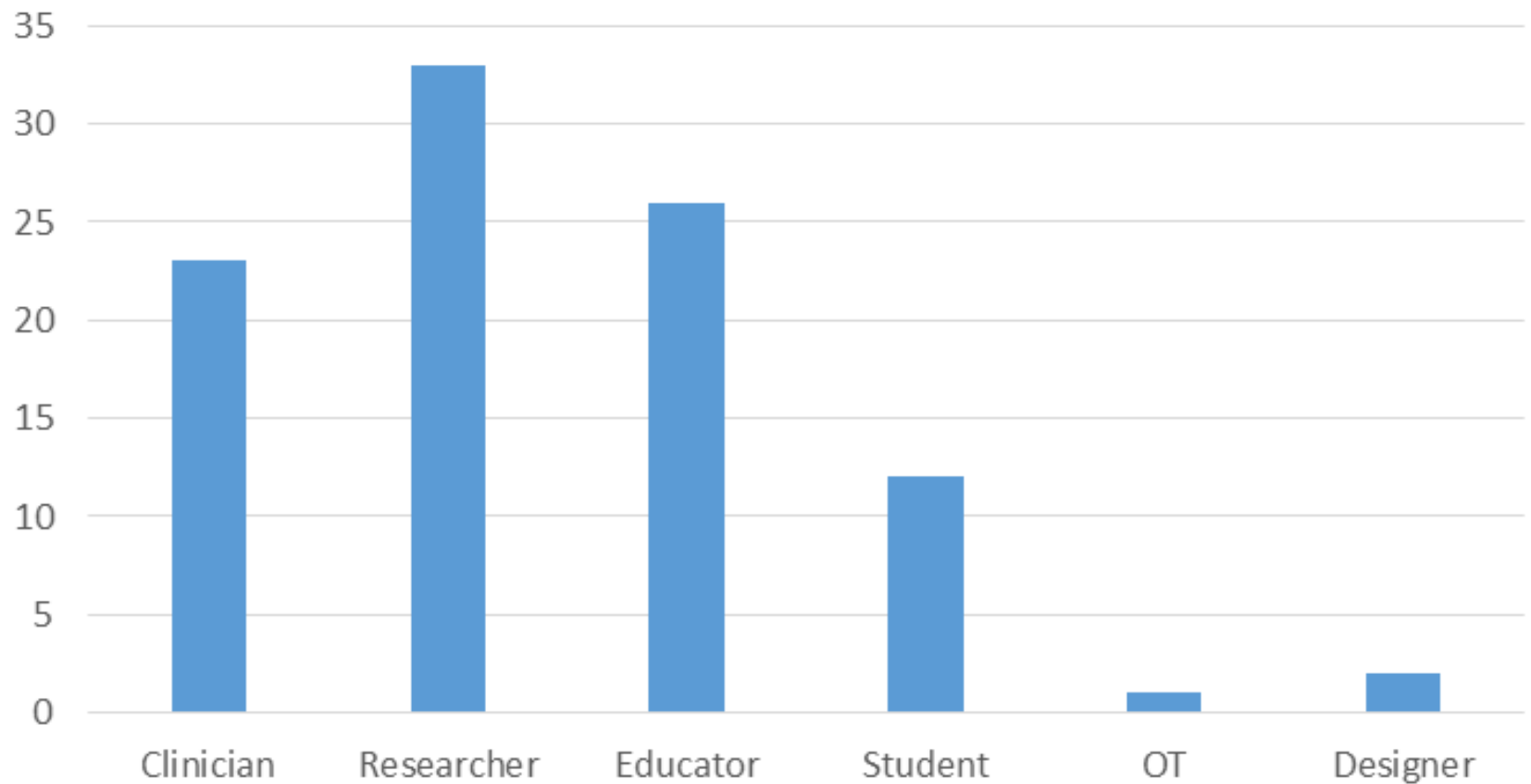


ROTOS Network Survey

- Purpose of the survey: To gather information about researchers across Europe interested in ROTOS Foundation and their expectations and suggestions for the ROTOS Foundation.
- Open: 18/12/23 Closed: 19/02/24
- Disseminated through: LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram, X (Twitter).
- Total participants: (N=53)
- Are you currently engaged in occupational therapy and/or occupational science research? YES: 39 NO: 14
- A wide range of research areas were mentioned by respondents



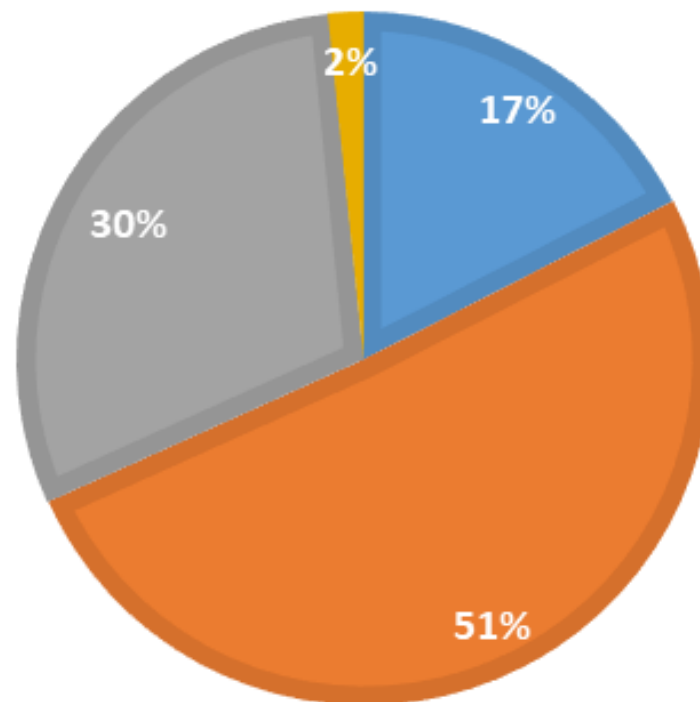
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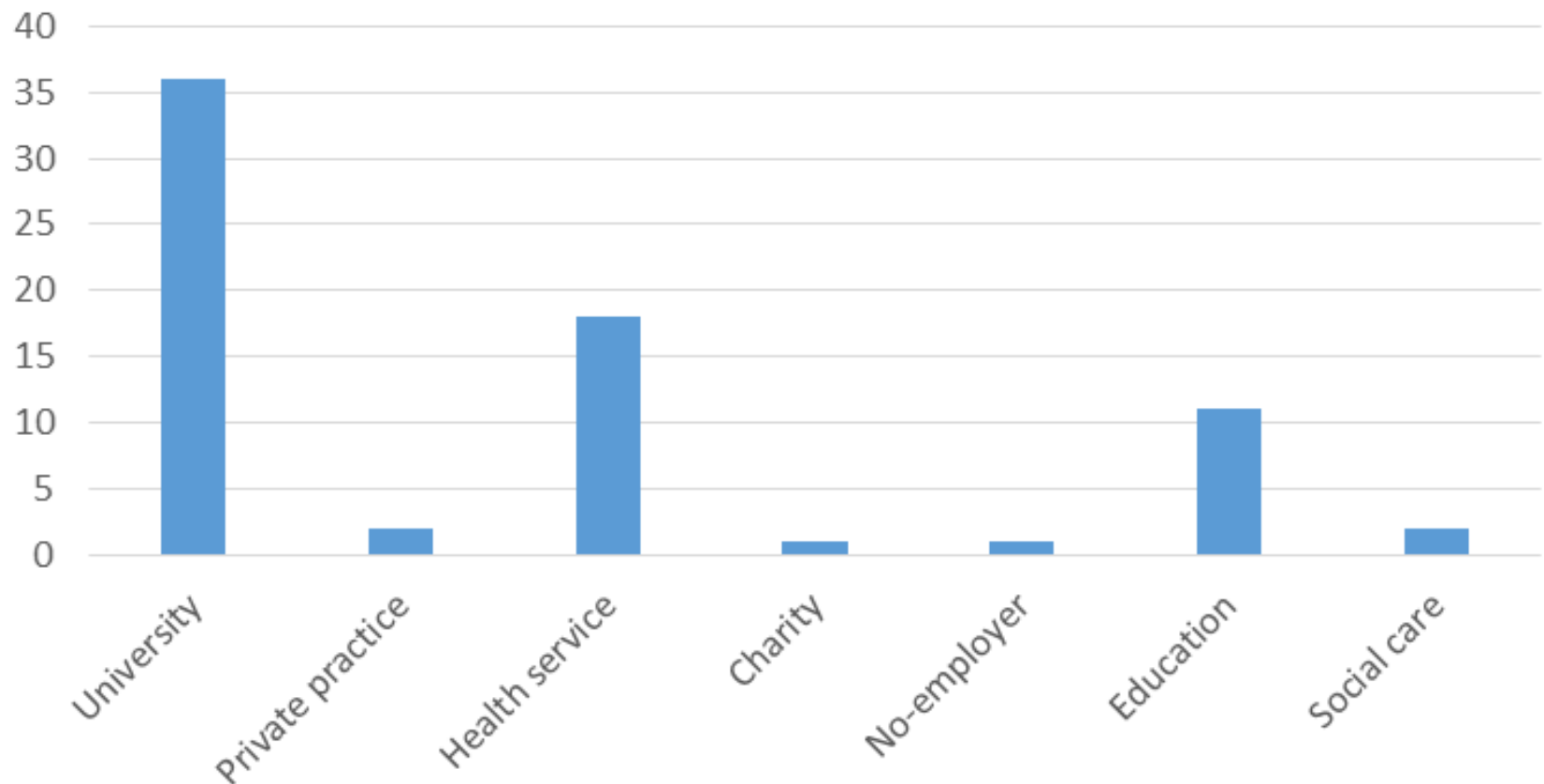
CURRENT JOB (AREAS)

■ RESEARCH ■ ACADEMIA ■ CLINIC ■ OTHER



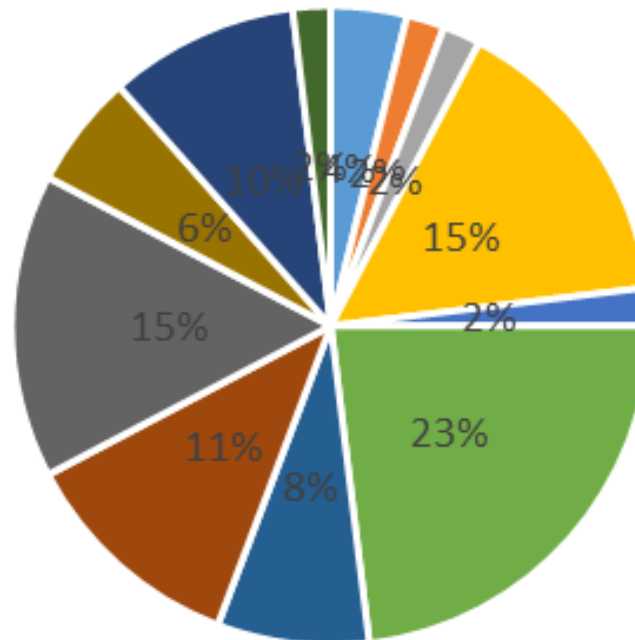


Type of employer





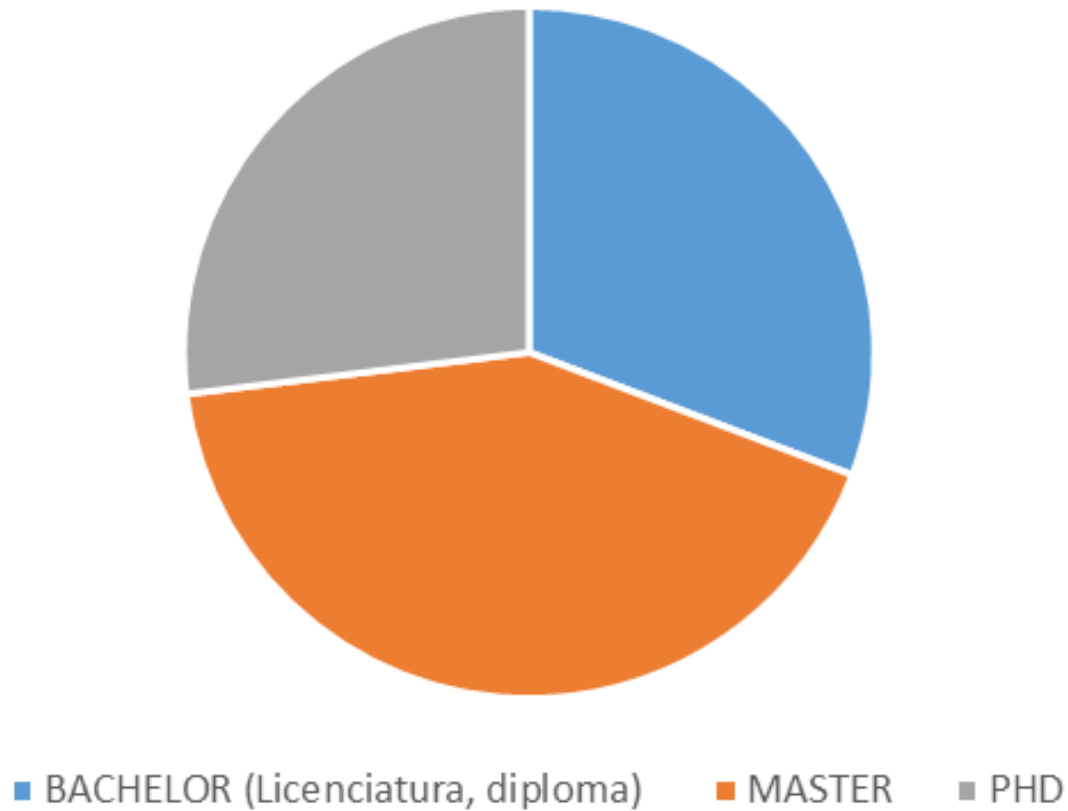
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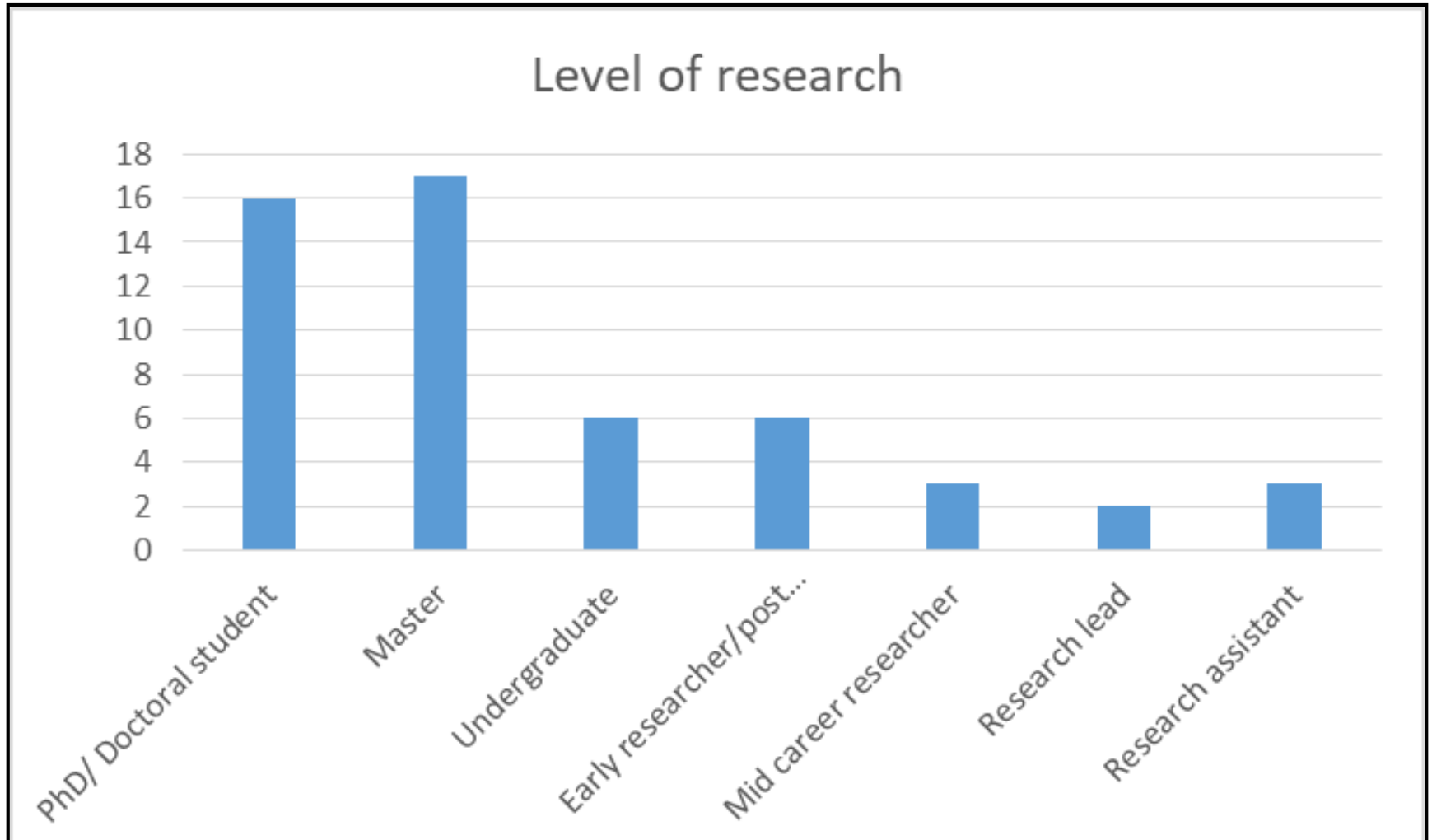
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HIGHER STUDIES



Highest level of education



How would describe your level of research knowledge and expertise?



Expectations of the ROTOS Network

What are you expecting joining the ROTOS NETWORK? (E.g.: services, meetings, assistance, networking of researchers, guidelines, information about grants....)

- The most frequent response was **‘Networking’** or **‘Network’** with 27/53 people mentioning this in their responses
- Respondents also frequently mentioned **‘connecting’** **‘connections’** and **‘meetings’**
- Respondents sought a space to discuss research ideas, share their research, and form research collaborations
- A few respondents joined the ROTOS Network **‘for inspiration’**
- A few respondents mentioned receiving information and/or support with research grants
- A few respondents were seeking information about research opportunities, guidelines, research post vacancies



ROTOS' Mission

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



ROTOS' Vision

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



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Goals for 2024-2027

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 support occupational therapy and occupational science researchers to build impact for people and society into their research.

4. Use of voice:

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

Friends of ROTOS



Become a Friend of ROTOS

- **Friend of ROTOS** is the title awarded to those actively participating in and supporting the ROTOS Foundation. By becoming a Friend of ROTOS, you contribute to the Foundation's ongoing efforts and gain access to exclusive benefits.



Benefits of Being a Friend of ROTOS

1. **Support ROTOS' Mission:** Your donation helps the ROTOS Foundation continue achieving its goals
2. **Exclusive Resources:** Gain access to various resources and be the first to know about upcoming events
3. **Research Interests Groups (RIGs):** Enjoy access to the [RIGs](#) hosted on our website

<https://www.rotosfoundation.eu/2024/05/06/friends-area/>

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How to Become a Friend of ROTOS

Choose Your Friendship Level: Decide on the type of friendship you want to pursue:

- **Student Friend of ROTOS:** For undergraduate students the suggested minimum donation is 10€
- **Friend of ROTOS:** For practitioners, master students, PhD students, researchers, educators, and managers the suggested minimum donation is 20 €.
- For institutions, organisations or universities, the **Collaborator** type is recommended. It will include all the staff as Friend of ROTOS. The suggested donation for collaborators is minimum 100€





How to Become a Friend of ROTOS

1. **Make a Donation:** Contribute the suggested [donation](#) amount. Please note that this suggested donation grants you benefits for an entire year, with memberships being renewed or cancelled each September.
2. **Provide the following details:**
 - Full name
 - Institution/organization/university
 - Proof of donation
 - Preferred email address
 - If you are a student, include a copy of your current studies.
3. **Submit Your Application:** Send the above information to communications@rotos.eu



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After Submission

- **Confirmation:** Upon receipt, you will receive a confirmation email and a password to access the FRIENDS AREA
- **Password Updates:** Please note that the password will change periodically, and you will receive updates via email

Please contact us
with any
suggestions or
questions



Research interest Groups (RIGs)

One of the primary goals of ROTOS Foundation is to build a robust network among researchers in Occupational Therapy (OT) and Occupational Science (OS)

To facilitate this, ROTOS is developing the **Research Interest Groups (RIGs)**, designed to connect OT and OS professionals who share common research interests





What Are RIGs?

RIGs are going to be specialised groups led by dedicated researchers who volunteer their time to guide and organise the group's activities. Each RIG will focus on a specific topic within OT and/or OS, providing a platform for members to:

- Inspire and learn from each other
- Share their work and current research projects
- Collaborate on new research pathways and initiatives
- Collaborate on research projects and grant applications
- Discuss relevant articles and research
- Provide possibilities for mentoring



RIGs

Currently we are thinking of 5 RIGs but are very open to people suggesting other groups, which might also be on methodologies or research with other populations:

1. [Children and Family](#)
2. [Older people](#)
3. [Mental Health](#)
4. [Long-term health conditions](#)
5. [Community](#)

Focuses on the role of occupational therapy in community settings, promoting social inclusion, participation, and community health initiatives.





RIGs

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RIGs will have their own page on the ROTOS website
[Research Interest Groups \(RIGs\) \(rotosfoundation.eu\)](https://rotosfoundation.eu)



RIG leads will be invited to the ROTOS annual meeting
each year to provide a brief update about their group



RIGs

- What do you think of the suggested 5 topics for RIGs?
- Do you have any other suggestions for a RIG?
- Would you be interested to join any of these RIGs?
- Would you be interested to lead or co-lead a RIG? Please contact Iris i.dimbwadyo@rotos.eu
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Group discussions



Please get into one of 5 groups for the potential RIGs:

1. [Children and Family](#)
2. [Older people](#)
3. [Mental Health](#)
4. [Long-term health conditions](#)
5. [Community](#)
6. [Other](#)



Please discuss and then on Post-it notes write down

Brainstorm

How best to set up and
maintaining a successful RIG on
a research area/population

Put your ideas and advices on
the post-its





Group feedback on brainstorm



Thoughts, comments and questions

- communications@rotos.eu





How to get involved

ROTOS website: <https://www.rotosfoundation.eu/>

Contact us at communications@rotos.eu

or using the form on the website:

<https://www.rotosfoundation.eu/contact-us/>



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