American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Research Committee Charge

AACAP’s Research Committee is responsible for the leadership and direction of AACAP’s research-related programs and awards, devoted to advancing medical science for the benefit of mentally ill youth. The goals and responsibilities of AACAP’s Research Committee are:

• To promote the application of a wide variety of methods from a broad array of scientific disciplines to the study of diagnosis and treatment of mental illness in children and adolescents.

• To develop and disseminate information about mental illness and its treatment to patients, providers, research, and policy makers.
  o Responsibilities:
    ▪ To plan and promote the Research Institute and Research Symposium at the Annual Meeting.

• To facilitate junior scientists to enter, develop, and sustain research careers.
  o Responsibilities:
    ▪ To administer the selection processes each year for the Junior Investigator Award, the AACAP Pilot Research Award, the AACAP Pilot Research Award for Attention Disorders, and the AACAP Pilot Research Award for Learning Disabilities. The availability of all awards is contingent upon adequate funding.
    ▪ To plan and promote the Research Colloquium.

• To shape research policy pertaining to research in child and adolescent psychiatry.

• To stimulate, build and sustain collaboration with other AACAP committees.