Call for Applications: Y-GRAPPA Subcommittee Positions 2026

Young-GRAPPA (Y-GRAPPA) is opening its annual call for subcommittee members and for three Subcommittee Chair positions (Derm-Rheum, Education and Newsletter).

Apply here: https://forms.gle/as6buQ4rkF3XJcLD7

What our subcommittees do

Derm-Rheum Committee: Fosters collaboration between dermatology and rheumatology and develops initiatives that bridge the two specialties in psoriatic disease management.

Education Committee: Oversees educational initiatives for young professionals in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis: develops training programmes and resources, contributes to the GRAPPA Slide Library, the GRAPPA education series and Virtual Highlights, and runs journal clubs and difficult-case discussions.

Membership Committee: Leads member engagement, recruitment and global outreach; reviews and processes membership applications; encourages existing members to take part in Young-GRAPPA projects; monitors eligibility and keeps membership records and mailing lists up to date; supports the Chairmanship in structural procedures and coordinates subcommittee calls and leadership elections.

Networking Committee: Promotes international collaboration between young and established clinicians and researchers, and organises mentor-mentee meetings and the networking events at the GRAPPA Annual Meeting.

Newsletter Committee: Produces and distributes the Young-GRAPPA newsletters that keep members informed about activities, research updates and opportunities, including the periodic newsletter, the Annual Meeting newsletter and the Do Not Miss newsletter.

Research Committee: Facilitates Young-GRAPPA members' involvement in GRAPPA research projects and stimulates international collaborations, particularly between rheumatology and dermatology. Guides members through the GRAPPA research approval process, including drafting a Letter of Intent and finding collaborators, and identifies suitable Y-GRAPPiAns for individual GRAPPA projects.

Social Media (SoMe) Committee: Enhances the online presence of GRAPPA and Young-GRAPPA, engages the community and creates promotional and medical content for Instagram, LinkedIn and X.

Open positions

Subcommittee	Current Chair	Open places	What we are looking for
Derm-Rheum Committee	TBA (open in this call)	2 members + Chair	We are looking for enthusiastic members to join the committee. We aim for a balanced mix, so applications from all specialties are strongly encouraged. There is no fixed project, so new members are welcome to bring their own ideas and help set the direction of the group.
Education Committee	TBA (open in this call)	3 members + Chair	We are recruiting three new members with an interest in education and teaching. We welcome applications from dermatology, rheumatology and any other field.
Membership Committee	Vincenzo Venerito	3 members	We are recruiting three new members to help Young-GRAPPA grow and stay connected. Members support recruitment and outreach, review membership applications and eligibility, keep membership records up to date, and help coordinate subcommittee calls and leadership elections. We

			welcome applications from any field; an eye for detail and an interest in community building are a bonus.
Networking Committee	Arani Vivekanantham	4 members	The committee is recruiting members with an interest in mentoring and connecting early-career colleagues. Each member is expected to organise and moderate at least one virtual mentor-mentee meeting per year, with a mentor of their choosing. We welcome applications from all specialties. If there is enough interest and commitment, future plans include mentor-mentee speed dating at the Annual Meeting and collaborations with other Young-GRAPPA committees. Project lead: we are also looking for someone to lead the networking project with our patient research partner (PRP). If you are interested, please state this in your application

			(Proposed contribution).
Newsletter Committee	TBA (open in this call)	1 member + Chair	We are looking for one new member. We would especially welcome a dermatologist, though all applicants are also very welcome. Experience with Canva is a bonus but not required.
Research Committee	Fadi Kharouf	2 members	The committee is recruiting two new members. To broaden the group's scope, we particularly encourage applications from non-rheumatologists, such as dermatologists, epidemiologists and PhD researchers.
Social Media (SoMe) Committee	Daniela Tovar	2 members	We are recruiting two new members to help share Young-GRAPPA's news and activities with our community. We welcome applications from any field.

Current members: if you were a subcommittee member in the previous rota, you do not need to apply as a member. You are confirmed for this rota. Current members who wish to apply for one of the open Chair positions (Derm-Rheum, Education, Newsletter) apply through the same application form, selecting Subcommittee Chair as position type.

Subcommittee Chair positions

Three Chair positions are open in this call: Derm-Rheum Committee, Education Committee and Newsletter Committee. The Chair leads planning and meetings, allocates responsibilities, monitors active/inactive status, reports annually, coordinates with the Young-GRAPPA Chairmanship, maintains records and ensures handover. If no suitable candidate applies, the staged process described in the Chair Selection SOP applies.

Committee structure and terms

- Each subcommittee has a maximum of 7 standing members, including the Chair.
- Members serve a term of 3 years, renewable once.
- Chairs serve a term of 2 years; one further consecutive term requires reapplication and is not automatic.
- Time commitment: members attend at least 50% of scheduled subcommittee meetings in any 12-month period and contribute to at least one project or deliverable in that period. Chairs also attend Young-GRAPPA leadership meetings at least quarterly.
- Member applicants may indicate up to two subcommittees in order of preference; Chair candidates apply for one subcommittee. Moving between subcommittees goes through the open call.

Eligibility: members

- Full or Early Career GRAPPA member.
- Young-GRAPPA eligibility as defined in the Charter (Article II): age 40 or younger OR within five years after completing training.
- Relevant interest, skills and availability for the remit of the subcommittee.
- Ability to comply with confidentiality, respectful conduct, conflict-of-interest and authorship/publication requirements.
- No minimum publication record is required.

Eligibility: Chairs

- Current Young-GRAPPA member and full or Early Career GRAPPA member, 39 years of age or younger.
- At least 12 months of active service as a general member of the relevant subcommittee by the start of the term.
- Currently leading or co-leading at least one project, activity or defined deliverable within the relevant subcommittee.
- In the preceding 12 months, attendance at 50% or more of relevant meetings and a substantive contribution to at least one project or deliverable, unless an approved leave applies.

- Ability to serve the full two-year term and attend Young-GRAPPA leadership meetings at least quarterly.
- No unresolved conflict, conduct issue or inactivity process that would materially impair the role.

Responsibilities

- Contribute across the subcommittee portfolio; members may lead or co-lead activities.
- Attend regular meetings and participate in subcommittee decisions.
- Agree at least one defined responsibility within 30 days of appointment.

How to apply

Submit the standard application form, selecting one position type (member or Chair), and a CV of maximum 2 pages.

- Members: motivation, relevant experience and proposed contribution (short answers with word limits), and time commitment.
- Chairs: relevant subcommittee service, current project leadership, motivation, a two-year vision and priorities, cross-subcommittee and GRAPPA alignment, time commitment and relevant expertise.

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The call closes on 8 November 2026 (23:59 CET).

Selection

Applications first pass a mandatory eligibility screen: eligibility, complete application form submitted by the deadline, CV of maximum 2 pages, availability for the advertised time commitment, and no unmanaged conflict of interest. Applications that do not pass the screen are not scored.

Eligible applications are scored independently by a selection panel according to the Young-GRAPPA Subcommittee SOPs, 0-10 per criterion:

- Members: being an active Young-GRAPPA member; three-year vision, feasibility and measures of success; organisation, reliability and time commitment.
- Chairs: being an active Young-GRAPPA member; two-year vision, feasibility and measures of success; organisation, reliability and time commitment; relevant skills and experience. Chairs are then chosen by confidential panel vote.

Disciplinary, geographic, gender and other diversity, career stage, skills mix and equitable distribution of opportunities may be considered only as a documented tie-breaker or to compose a complementary team. Selection and onboarding take place from November 2026 to January 2027. All applicants receive their mean criterion scores and brief feedback.

For full details, please check the official Young-GRAPPA Subcommittee SOPs published on the Young-GRAPPA website (https://www.grappanetwork.org/young-grappa/). For any questions, write to young.grappians@gmail.com.