

Regional Champions: Person specification and role overview 2023

Person specification

- Committed to facilitating connections between the Academy, the local biomedical community and other relevant organisations
- Has a good overview of the Academy's work and its impacts
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Connected to both local and national scientific networks
- Willing to embrace new ideas and approaches, share ideas and learn from others
- Excellent communication skills, including as an experienced and regular user of digital communication tools.

Role overview

At present, the remit of the Champions is flexible so that Fellows can respond to the needs of their region. Suggested activities might include:

- Hosting regional engagement events such as discussion events, careers meetings, scientific lectures and social events.
- Identifying grassroots issues, gathering intelligence from local initiatives and horizon scanning future challenges.
- Supporting an increase in the diversity of candidate nominations and celebrating the election of new Fellows in that region.
- Providing guidance on the Fellowship election process to potential candidates
- Cascading calls for information, evidence or support from the Academy's working groups or committees.
- Disseminating Academy outputs and reports, funding calls and nominations for schemes.
- Providing input into the Academy's broader strategy and operations from a regional perspective.

Champions will be expected to deliver **some** of these activities and will be free to suggest alternatives. Champions are asked to feed back on impacts to the Academy and share experiences with other champions via one meeting a year (usually spring) and via periodic e-mails or hybrid meetings in between.

Champions will be supported by the Regional Engagement Manager, Rubana Hussein, underpinned by a formal induction, additional resources and training, and connections to relevant staff members across the Academy.

The Regional Champions will serve a tenure of three years in the first instance. The positions in the areas advertised will be effective December 2023–December 2026.