

About Council

Council plays a fundamental role in the governance and decision-making of the Academy, overseeing our strategic plan and guiding the organisation on how it should respond to key issues and events.

The fact that the majority of Council members are elected by our current Fellows gives Council the mandate to speak on behalf of the Fellowship and the Academy is therefore keen to ensure that Council reflects the full breadth and diversity of its Fellowship. We strive to ensure that no individual or group is treated more or less favourably than others on the grounds of ethnicity, age, disability, sex, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, religion or belief. Our definition of diversity expands beyond protected characteristics to include geography, research subject and sector, clinical and non-clinical specialties, career stage, and socio-economic background.

Further points to note about Council include:

- Council are the Trustees of the Academy as a registered charity
- Council is collectively responsible for the management of the Academy in accordance with charity legislation.
- Council directs the policy of the Academy and manages all matters concerning Academy business, delegating the management of such business to the Officers, employees or external advisers, as it sees fit.
- Council members serve the Academy in a personal capacity and not as representatives of their affiliated institutions.
- In order to promote transparency, it is Academy policy to collect, maintain and publish a Register of Interests for its Trustees. Council members are required to complete an annual Declaration of Interests form and update this as necessary during their term of office.
- The Academy records diversity data for all its main decision-making committees and is committed to publishing this openly each year on our website. A current breakdown of diversity data for Council is detailed below.
- Council meets 5 times a year.
- For further information about any aspect of the Council's role and functions, Fellows are invited to contact Simon Denegri the Executive Director (simon.denegri@acmedsci.ac.uk).

The 2023 election

- All Ordinary Fellows of the Academy are eligible to stand for election to the Academy's Council provided that, should they have previously served on Council, at least one calendar year must have passed since they ceased to hold office.
- Nominations for Council must be supported by **three Fellows** and accompanied by a personal statement from the candidate in support of the nomination.
- Electronic signatures are acceptable.
- Self-nomination is acceptable provided that the nomination is supported by three additional Fellows.

- Nominees must be aware of their nomination, have been approached by nominators and must have expressed a willingness and ability to serve on Council if elected. They must be aware that, if elected, they will take on the responsibilities of Trustees of the Academy of Medical Sciences under charity legislation.
- Ordinary Council Members serve for a period of three years.
- **Three** new Council Members will be appointed via this year's election.
- The closing date for receipt of nominations is **17.00 on Friday 8 September 2023**.
- The election will take place digitally through a ballot platform administered by Civica Election Services. Fellows will receive their voting instructions by email.
- Voting materials will include photos and the candidate statements submitted on their nomination forms - and will be circulated to the Fellowship in early October.
- The deadline for voting will be **17:00 on Tuesday 7 November 2023**.
- The single transferable voting system is used to determine the outcome of the election and the ballot will be counted on **Wednesday 8 November 2023**.
- The results of the election will be announced at the AGM on **5 December 2023**.
- Incoming Council members will be provided with an induction session following the February 2024 Council meeting.

Dates and times of Council meetings 2023

Thursday 8 February 2024

Thursday 25 April 2024

Thursday 20 June 2024

Thursday 10 October 2024

Monday 2 December 2024

Meetings start at 10.30am unless otherwise notified and last approximately 3 hours.

Meetings are currently held in a mix of formats to offer Council members based at some distance from London a more efficient means of participating. Most meetings are virtual or hybrid – with the option for local attendees to join in person from the Academy offices. Two meetings a year are held as 'in-person' events, one of these at the Academy offices and another at a non-London location.

Council members 2024

Honorary Officers and Ordinary members of Council retiring at the Annual Fellows' Meeting in December 2023 are shown in bold.

Honorary Officers

- Professor Dame Anne Johnson PMedSci (President)
- **Professor Paul Stewart FMedSci (Vice-President, Clinical)**
- **Professor Ed Bullmore FMedSci (Treasurer)**
- Professor Tom Solomon CBE FMedSci (Vice-President, International)
- Professor James Naismith FRS FRSE FMedSci (Vice President, Non-Clinical)
- Professor David Adams FMedSci (Registrar)

Ordinary Members

- Professor Wiebke Arlt FMedSci
- Professor Safaf Farooqi FMedSci
- **Professor Mandy MacLean MBE FRSE FMedSci**
- Professor Kathryn Maitland OBE FMedSci
- **Professor Neena Modi FMedSci**
- Professor Sir Andrew Pollard FMedSci
- **Professor Eleanor Riley FRSE FMedSci**
- Professor Ijeoma Uchegbu FMedSci
- Professor Paula Williamson FMedSci

Co-opted Members 2023

- Professor Franklin Aigbirhio FMedSci
- Dr Felicity Gabbay FMedSci

Emerging Research Leader members 2023

- **Dr Rebecca Drummond**
- **Dr Rina Dutta**

Patient Representative observers 2023

- Lynne Laidlaw
- Nanik Pursani

Diversity breakdown of Council

There are currently 21 members of Council, of which a maximum of 14 will remain for 2024. Please note that the election of the next Vice President (Clinical) and Treasurer are dealt with via a separate process.

Gender:

- Currently: 8 men, 11 women, 1 prefer not to say, 1 not known
- Of which are remaining for 2024: 5 men, 8 women, 1 prefer not to say

Ethnicity:

- Currently: 12 white/European, 3 Asian, 2 African, 2 not known, 2 prefer not to say
- Of which are remaining for 2024: 9 white/European, 2 Asian, 2 African, 1 prefer not to say

Disability:

- Currently: 15 with no disability declared, 4 with disability, 2 not known
- Of which are remaining for 2024: 11 with no disability declared, 3 with disability

Clinical/non-clinical:

- Currently: 11 clinical, 10 non-clinical
- Of which are remaining for 2024: 7 clinical, 7 non-clinical

Regional representation:

Council members 2023:



Plus: 1 international
2 unknown

Remaining members for 2024:



Plus: 1 international
2 unknown