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Dear Fellows

Appointment of next Academy Vice President (Non-Clinical)

These are exciting times for the Academy in its role of supporting UK biomedical and health research to strengthen its global competitiveness and reputation. Our new 10-year vision and strategy *'Making medical science work for everyone'* to be launched shortly, will set out how we wish to deliver on this ambition by:

- Harnessing our rich heritage of discovery and translational science that has been fundamental to tackling the Covid-19 pandemic
- Championing transdisciplinary research across NHS, academia and industry including the opportunities arising from health technology, data and AI
- Fostering a research community that is trusted, open, diverse, collaborative and inclusive

The leadership role of our Vice President (Non-Clinical) will be critical to the delivery of this ambition and I am therefore delighted to write to you on behalf of Council to seek nominations for an exceptional person to succeed Professor Mike Malim FRS FMedSci who will complete his four-year term as Vice President (Non-Clinical) in December. Mike has made a significant contribution to the Academy during this time. We are particularly grateful for the work he has done to ensure the Academy is supporting researchers whose careers have been disrupted by the pandemic, as well as his sound stewardship of our pre-clinical drug development database which has supported scientific collaborations on Covid-19.

We are a vibrant and progressive Academy with bold aspirations for the future and believe this is an opportune time for the right individual to join the Academy Honorary Officers team to support and develop the non-clinical research community and put it at the forefront of our work. Over half of the Academy's Fellows have a non-clinical background as well as many hundreds of early career researchers who benefit from our careers grants and schemes each year. It will be vital that our new Vice President (Non-Clinical) is able to work with this diverse community to ensure it has a clearer and stronger voice in the future.

As important, will be for our new Vice President (Non-Clinical) to be able to reach out across the science community and promote greater knowledge sharing and innovation and diversity to help address the biggest health challenges. The postholder will also provide oversight of programmes and collaborations relevant to the Academy's non-clinical portfolio, working with Council members, Honorary Officers, Fellows, ECRs and our expert staff.

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We are committed to equity, diversity and inclusion. Suggestions and expressions of interest are welcome from any Fellow – both UK or overseas based - whose expertise falls within the broad range of non-clinical specialities. These should be sent in confidence, to my Academy e-mail address, president@acmedsci.ac.uk. Fellows can also self-nominate to the role as long as their nomination is supported by the requisite three signatures from other Fellows from whom the Nominations Committee may request references.

A nomination form, role description and further details can be found on the Academy website. **The deadline for receipt of completed nominations is 31 July 2022** and Council will elect the next Vice President (Non-Clinical) in October 2022 based upon the recommendation of our Nominations Committee.

Please do consider candidates who might be interested in taking on this role and let either myself or our Executive Director, Simon Denegri, have more details. I would also be very pleased to have a confidential conversation with Fellows who are interested in applying.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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