

The Academy of Medical Sciences is the independent voice of medical sciences in the UK, working in collaboration with partners across the UK and internationally to promote biological, medical and health research to improve health and wellbeing. The Academy is working to deliver its new 10-year vision and mission as set out in '*Making medical science working for everyone*'.

The role:

Our Vice-President (Clinical) plays a highly important leadership role for the Academy, engaging with, and representing the priorities of, the clinical research community including interacting with NHS stakeholders and partners across the clinical research sector. As well as working closely with the President the role-holder is expected to develop a strong working relationship with the Vice-President (Non-Clinical) in keeping with the Academy's ambitions for encouraging greater multi-disciplinary working across the sector. They are expected to uphold the Academy's values: Excellence, Evidence-driven, Integrity, Inclusivity and Collaboration and our behaviours of agility, kindness and resilience.

The role of the Vice-President (Clinical) is to:

- Oversee the Academy's work around building capacity in clinical research across the medical & dental, nursing, midwifery and allied health professional communities. A key role here involves being the Academy lead on the UK-wide Clinical Academic Training Forum and the development of careers grants and schemes.
- Provide expertise, approval and sign-off for activities and outputs relevant to our clinical academic portfolio and other areas as designated by Council.
- Build and enhance relationships with key organisations, including the research funders, universities and medical schools, government, Royal Colleges, GMC, BMA, Medical Schools Council, NHS groups and patient/ public agencies, commercial organisations, and others.
- Engage with the clinical Fellows and broader clinical academic community, to ensure the Academy is aware of prevailing issues, challenges and opportunities
- As necessary - lead the review of Academy policy reports; chair workshops, symposia, roundtable meetings, selection panels etc; help to identify relevant Fellows and external contacts as projects dictate.
- Represent the Academy at meetings with key external contacts, and on selected external committees including the Medical Schools Council Executive and Association of Medical Royal Colleges.
- As part of the Officers group – supporting the President to ensure delivery of the existing Academy Strategy and guide its future direction; advise on specific projects and initiatives; serve on Academy committees and task forces as required; oversee the delivery of successful Academy outputs, and help us develop strategic partnerships
- Work closely with an outstanding professional and support team at the Academy.
- To embody and promote the EDI values of the Academy ensuring that they are at the forefront of the Council's strategic thinking.

The Vice-President (Clinical) is a member of the [Honorary Officers group](#) which meets approximately six times a year. As part of this group this individual plays a key role in developing Academy strategy and policy. Additionally, Honorary Officers are Trustees of the Academy and form part of the Academy Council. They will be expected to attend the five Council meetings held each year as well as the AGM and Annual Fellows Meeting in December.

The formal time commitment of the post is on average 1 day/ week with an understanding that commitment can vary from month to month. This includes face to face and virtual participation in meetings at our London office and other meetings held across the UK.

The Vice-President (Clinical) is readily accessible to an experienced senior team and expert staff at the Academy.

Key attributes:

The Academy's Regulations governing the election of Honorary Officers of the Academy set out that suitable candidates should demonstrate *'high academic standing and a significant track record of achievement; have the ability to represent the different constituencies within the Academy and the ability to commit sufficient time and energy to the role and will have regard to the Academy's commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion'*. In addition to distinction in the medical and health sciences, the role of Vice President (Clinical) requires:

- Integrity, strategic vision and sound judgement.
- Excellent communication and leadership skills and the ability to engage with key UK organisations and policy leaders at high level.
- A commitment to understand and engage with many different disciplines.
- Proven commitment to equity, diversity and inclusivity that befits a modern and progressive Academy.
- Demonstrable commitment to supporting and developing young researchers, both in the UK and internationally.
- An appreciation of the major UK and global clinical research challenges and where the Academy can have its greatest impact.
- A collaborative working style that reflects the Academy's values and harnesses the skills and knowledge of others, particularly our staff.

Term of office:

The new Vice President (Clinical) will serve for four years and will take up his/her position with effect from the Academy's AGM on 5 December 2023.

Eligibility and process:

- A nomination form is available on the Academy [website](#).
- The post is open to all Ordinary Fellows of the Academy.
- Nominations may be made by any Academy Fellow for any other Academy Fellow, providing that they have agreed to be nominated.
- The nomination must be signed by three supporting Fellows.
- Candidates are asked to countersign the nomination form to indicate their willingness to be nominated and to include a 300 word statement outlining their background and how they would contribute to the Academy and its future. These statements will be circulated to Council, along with a copy of the candidate's CV.

- A copy of the candidate's CV must be submitted with the nomination form.
- Nominations must be submitted to the Academy office c/o Simon Denegri, Executive Director, **by 5pm on 23 June 2023**.
- Interviews for the role will take place with the Nominations Committee **in July** (*exact date tbc*).
- Members of Council will elect the next Vice President (Clinical) from amongst those nominated.

In accordance with the Academy's Regulations, the Nominations Committee oversees the process of identifying next Academy Honorary Officers. The Committee draws on expertise from current serving Officers, Council members and Ordinary Fellows.

Suggestions and expressions of interest are welcome from any area of the Fellowship and should be sent in confidence to the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Professor Dame Anne Johnson PMedSci at (president@acmedsci.ac.uk). Any Fellow who wishes to discuss the role further should contact Dame Anne at the earliest opportunity.

The deadline for receipt of completed nominations is 5pm on 23 June 2023.

Council will elect the next Vice President (Clinical) at specially convened meeting in **July 2023** informed by the deliberations and recommendations of the Nominations Committee.