

## From the Vice-President (Clinical) Professor Paul Stewart FMedSci

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Dear Fellows,

## Appointment of next Academy President: call for nominations

I am delighted to write to you seeking nominations for the next President of the Academy of Medical Sciences.

As you may be aware, Professor Sir Robert Lechler is due to retire as President of the Academy of Medical Sciences at the Annual General Meeting on 3 December 2020. He has led the Academy through a period of rapid growth to significant prominence and influence including gaining Royal Charter status in 2019.

The future success of the Academy depends critically on the appointment of our new President, an individual of high academic standing who can build on this successful legacy and drive the Academy forward. They will need to be an exceptional strategic leader who understands the changing environment in which the Academy is operating and can inspire credibility at the most senior levels of Government and with our partner organisations. They will also be expected to be the public face of the Academy in the media and with an increasingly diverse range of audiences.

I write now on behalf of Council, to seek your suggestions for appointment to this important role. A <u>nomination form</u>, <u>role description and details of the election process</u> can be found on our <u>website</u>.

The Academy is committed to equality, diversity and inclusion. Suggestions and expressions of interest are welcome from any area of the Fellowship and should be sent in confidence, to my personal email address, <a href="mailto:p.m.stewart@leeds.ac.uk">p.m.stewart@leeds.ac.uk</a>. Any Fellow who wishes to discuss the role further should contact me at the earliest opportunity.

The deadline for receipt of completed nominations is 30 April 2020. Council will elect the next President at its meeting in June 2020 based upon the deliberations and recommendations of the Search Committee.

Many thanks in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

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