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Dear Fellows,

**Voting is now open: election of Council members for 2025**

On behalf of the President and Council, I am pleased to announce that voting is now open in this year's Council election. We are grateful to Fellows who are standing for election, supporting candidates or encouraging the participation of others in any way. Please cast your vote to support their commitment and have your say in how the Academy runs.

This year's election will fill four vacancies on Council created when Professors Wiebke Arlt, Sadaf Farooqi, Andrew Pollard and Paula Williamson step down in December. At least one of these places must be taken by a Fellow with a non-clinical background. As well as subject and sector diversity it is important that Council continues to reflect the diversity in our Fellowship in terms of gender, ethnicity and geography when these four vacancies are filled

We are once again collaborating with Civica Election Services to deliver this year's election. I urge Fellows to take advantage of this accessible opportunity to participate in an important Academy governance process. The Academy Council should be representative of the Fellowship itself and it is vital that Fellows express their preferences for the composition of our governing body.

A full list of candidates and details of their supporting nominators is available on our election platform and also on the [Academy website](#). You can also view current membership of Council on our [website](#). Candidate statements are included in the ballot materials online. Please follow the instructions provided to vote electronically.

This year we are also using an additional tick box on the voting form to understand whether the votes cast follow the 50:50 ratio we have of Fellows from clinical or non-clinical backgrounds. This box is for monitoring purposes only and does not impact on the way your vote is cast in any way.

**The ballot will close at 17:00 on Thursday 7 November** and the results of this year's election will be announced at the Academy's Annual Fellows' Meeting on 3 December 2024 - after which they will appear on the Academy website.

Now it's over to you to cast your vote.

Yours sincerely,



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