

International strategy 2022-2032

This international strategy provides a 10-year roadmap for our global activities and complements the overarching Academy of Medical Sciences 10-year strategy.

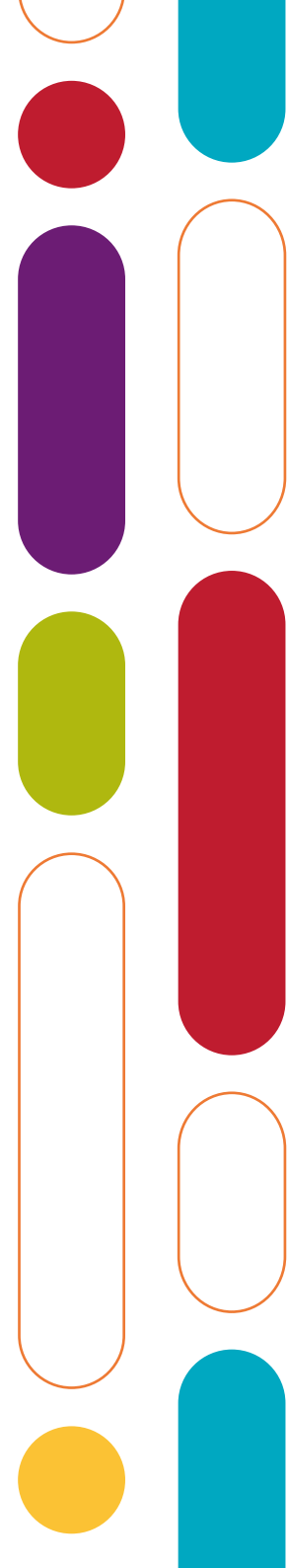


OUR VISION

Good health for all
supported by the best
research and evidence

OUR MISSION

The Academy's mission is to help create
an open and progressive research sector
to improve the health of people everywhere.





OUR INTERNATIONAL MISSION

Through our international work we will:



Provide a trusted global voice for medical and health research.



Promote and facilitate an international research environment that is conducive to addressing global health challenges.



Foster the next generation of research leaders from beyond the UK, to include those in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), to facilitate a global perspective across all research.

OUR VALUES

The Academy's core values will be reflected in the delivery of the strategy as follows:

We strive for excellence

- Promoting the value, development, conduct and use of rigorous scientific research, which addresses global health challenges, particularly those which result in health inequalities, with both a high burden and impact.
- Working with international partners to adapt and implement career development and research capacity-strengthening schemes.

We behave with integrity

- Acting as a global, independent, diverse and trusted voice.
- Exemplifying a global, forward-looking and environmentally aware Academy.
- Striving for the decolonisation of global health research.

We act on evidence

- Delivering global evidence-based policy work.
- Convening wide-ranging expertise across the world.

We collaborate widely

- Fostering equitable partnerships and recognising our involvement with others in global health endeavours.

We seek diversity in all forms

- Engaging the public, patients, carers and professionals from all backgrounds in our international activities, including underrepresented groups.

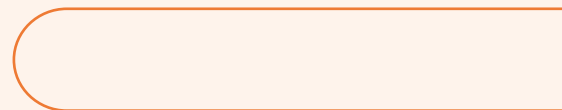
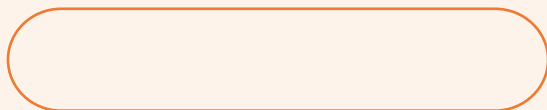
We will also demonstrate the Academy's behaviours of agility, kindness and resilience.

OUR GOALS

1. Building on our strengths

We will develop and enhance our existing programmes to:

- Provide a trusted voice among others for important health and science issues, globally.
- Remain independent from governments and act as a critical advisor.
- Build on our existing convening power to bring international experts and stakeholders together.
- Deliver evidence-based policy recommendations to improve global health problems.
- Expand our activities to strengthen research capacity.
- Develop talent by enabling the mobility of individual researchers and the establishment of global research collaborations with a commitment to diversity and equity.
- Extend our emerging research leader schemes to international researchers.
- Actively seek the input of our international early and mid-career research awardees and alumni community into all aspects of our work.
- Work with in-country partners, in low- and middle-income countries, to catalyse capacity strengthening, and seek to improve the research infrastructure.



OUR GOALS

2. Acting in partnership

We will prioritise equitable partnerships that enable us to:

- Engage with representatives of low- and middle-income countries to understand and address global health research and development challenges.
- Build strong European partnerships, to sustain a resilient European research community. This would include maintaining access and advisory input for UK researchers and communities into pan-European institutions and research infrastructures.
- Ensure that global mobility approaches and schemes include opportunities for researchers to move, train and collaborate within Europe.
- Convene stakeholders within countries that are considered scientific powers to increase opportunities for global collective responses, collaboration, mobility, and research to reduce health inequalities.
- Maintain effective and productive international relationships with academies of science and medicine, including established Academy networks, and build relationships with new academies from other countries.
- Bring together international organisations that are outside of the medical sphere with the expertise in areas which are necessary to address both health and wellbeing challenges.
- Work with small and large international organisations, which independently, or collectively, represent key stakeholder groups.
- Involve patients and the public, particularly underrepresented groups, in our international activities.



OUR GOALS

3. Identifying new approaches

We will deliver new and innovate activities to:

- Support the development and implementation of a net zero plan to deliver our global strategy activities.
- Encourage the decarbonisation of international research and healthcare.
- Explore how we can support the decolonisation of research to achieve equitable north/south partnerships.
- Encourage and support interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research to tackle global health challenges.
- Engage and include underrepresented international groups in our global activities.
- Provide flexible opportunities for researchers to work at the intersection of global health policy and politics, public and private sector, and research and knowledge creation.
- Enhance our evidence- and science-based advocacy role on the global stage, while maintaining a balance between advisory and directive action.

OUR PRIORITIES

We will remain agile in response to evolving challenges and opportunities and will seek continued advice from our Council, Fellows and early and mid-career researchers on where global efforts should be focused.



OUR PRIORITY CHALLENGES

At the start of this 10-year strategy, we will draw on the expertise of our Fellows, awardees and alumni to support our goals and to prioritise our endeavours, including, but not limited to the following challenges:

- Emerging infections and pandemics, global health security and preparedness.
- Antimicrobial resistance and infectious diseases, including tuberculosis, HIV and malaria.
- Climate change and health.
- Health beyond healthcare.
- Mental health.
- Multimorbidity.
- Women's access to healthcare and maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health.
- Universal health coverage.
- Global health inequalities.



OUR SUCCESS MEASURES

We will use the following success measures, as well as those identified in the overarching Academy 10-year strategy to monitor our work.

Trusted global voice for medical and health research

- Increased recognition of the Academy's leadership and expertise with global partners and extended public relations and communications reach.
- Meaningful involvement of patients and the public in our international work, and evidence of improved understanding of public attitudes or perceptions.

Next generation of global research leaders

- Increased support for international researchers to enable capacity building, mobility and the development of networks.
- Catalysis of our programmatic support including mentoring and leadership to have a global reach, by working with in-country partners and adopters.
- In accordance with the Academy's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy, we will have engaged and supported a more diverse community.

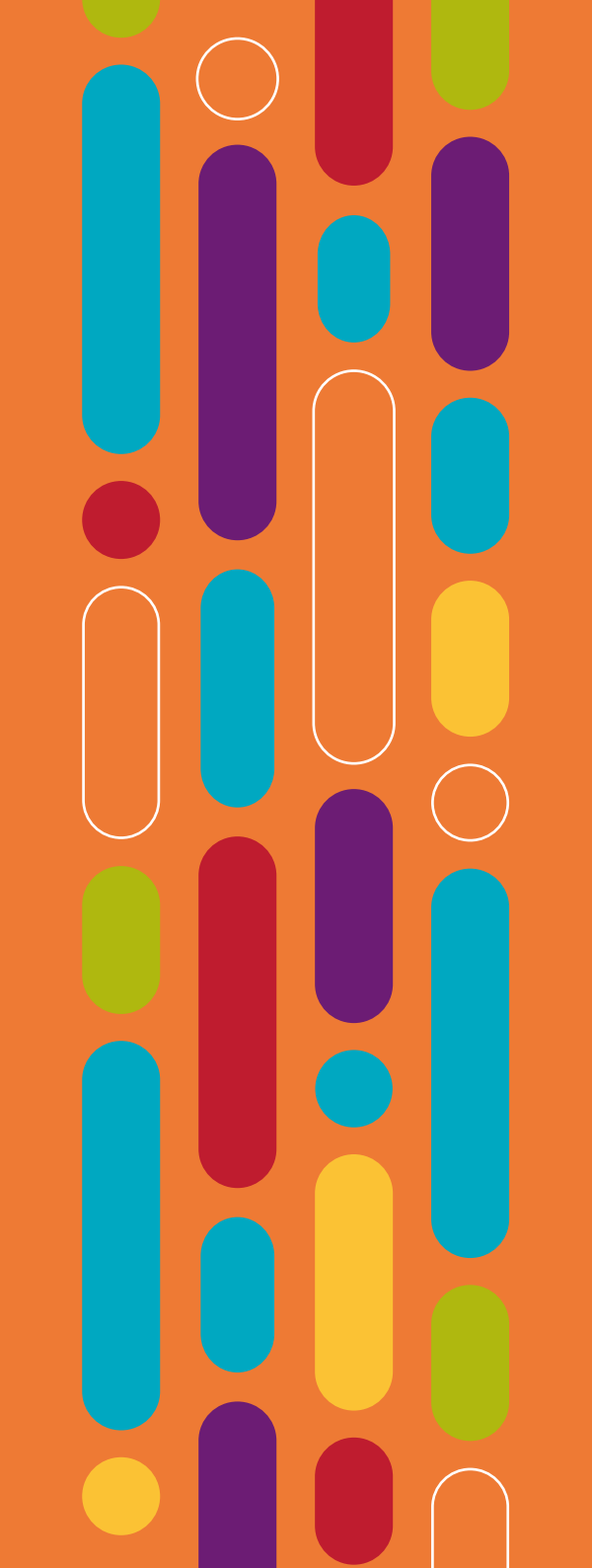


Conducive global research and evidence-based policy environment

- Effectively engaged with international stakeholders in evidence-based policy dialogue.
- Networked productively with a diverse group of partners across the world.
- Produced evidence-based publications and other policy outputs.
- Convened high impact global policy events both in the UK and overseas.
- Leveraged synergies between our UK and international policy work, including topics, people and organisations.

We will review our progress against this strategy after three and five years.





Please support us to create an open, progressive and diverse medical research community that is able to address the most pressing, unanswered questions facing medical science.

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