

Vice President (International) - Academy Medical Sciences

The role:

The Academy of Medical Sciences works in collaboration with partners across the world to promote biomedical and health research and ensure that this work contributes to the improvement of global health. The Vice President (International) is at the forefront of the Academy's international work overseeing our many activities in this area, and will play a critical role in advancing our new international strategy that is currently being developed.

The Vice President (International) is a member of the [Honorary Officers group](#) which meets approximately six times a year. As part of this group he or she 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. The Vice President (International) will be expected to attend the five Council meetings held each year as well as the Annual Fellows Meeting in December.

From time to time individual Officers are called upon to host Academy events, participate in working groups or attend committee meetings. His/her brief will depend on the particular research experience or expertise the individual brings to the Officers' group.

The formal time commitment of the post requires a commitment of approximately 4-5 days per month. This includes participation in meetings at our London office when open, availability to travel overseas on behalf of the Academy (we estimate around 4-6 trips per year) and ready accessibility for virtual contact and telephone consultation with other Academy Officers and staff.

The VP International role is supported by an experienced and effective Head of International, Head of Grants and international team secretariat.

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 equality and diversity and inclusion'*.

In addition to distinction in the medical and health sciences, the role of Vice President (International) requires:

- Integrity, strategic vision and sound judgement.
- Proven commitment to equality, 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 global research endeavour and development challenges.
- A collaborative working style including commitment to the Academy's values and culture.

- Diplomacy and political nous on a global scale.

Main responsibilities of the Vice President (International):

The role of Vice President (International) requires excellent communication skills and the ability to engage with UK, European and international agencies at a high level.

The Vice President (International) is expected to:

- Act as an ambassador for the Academy.
- Oversee the delivery of the Academy's new international strategy in the context of our current and new strategic plan. This includes: influencing international policy for health and research; responding to global health challenges; and promoting international mobility, connections and capacity building.
- Fully participate in the Academy's international policy work which includes workshops, seminars and roundtables and an annual International Health Lecture. Supported by our policy team, the Vice-President (International) will oversee the development of these activities, review the outputs and attend and Chair some of the events.
- Develop the Academy's international funding schemes. These currently include our Newton International and Newton Advanced Fellowships, GCRF Networking Grants, Daniel Turnberg UK-Middle East Travel Fellowships and Hamied Foundation UK-India AMR Visiting Professorships. The Academy is looking to expand its non-ODA funded international funding portfolio and the Vice-President (International) will be an integral player in this endeavour.
- Maintain high level relationships with our sister academies abroad, particularly through the Federation of European Academies of Medicine (FEAM) and the InterAcademyPartnership (IAP).
- Seek, build and strengthen high level relationships with international institutions such as the European institutions, UN institutions and relevant Non-Governmental Organisations.
- Build and enhance high level relationships with UK international institutions such as the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the UK Science and Innovation Network, the UK Border Agency and the other UK National Academies.
- Represent the Academy on advisory groups for government funded international schemes and activities, when the Academy acts as a delivery partner.
- Provide timely approval and sign-off relevant to our international activities.
- Support fundraising activities for the Academy's international activities.
- Travel overseas, both within and beyond Europe, to facilitate the above activities.
- Report to Council on matters of international relevance.
- When necessary, act as an alternate to the President in representing the Academy at key meetings and as a spokesperson on external communications
- As part of the Officers group, provide strategic advice and oversight of the entirety of the Academy's work.

Term of office:

The new Vice President (International) will take up his/her position with effect from the Academy's Annual General Meeting on 7 December 2021.

Honorary Officers of the Academy normally serve for four years.

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 30 July 2021**.
- Interviews for the role will take place with the Nominations Committee **in late September** (*exact date tbc*).
- Members of Council will elect the next Vice President (International) from amongst those nominated.

In accordance with the Academy's Regulations, the Nominations Committee oversees the process of identifying the next Vice President (International). The Committee draws on expertise from current serving Officers and Council members (excluding the current Interim VP International).

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 **30 July 2021**. Council will elect the next Registrar at its meeting in **October 2021** informed by the deliberations and recommendations of the Nominations Committee.